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- Debuted with "Kurenai Densetsu" / "Crimson Legend" (appeared in the Winter 1981 issue of Coronet)
- Won the Shogakukan Manga Award for her representative works "Yami no Paapuru Ai" / "Purple Eyes in the Dark" (32nd Annual Award Winner) and "Sora wa Akai Kawa no Hotori" / "Heaven is Beside the Red River" (46th Annual Award Winner)
- Presently very active at Betsucomi

MESSAGE FROM THE AUTHOR

While writing my previous work, all the books I read were on the ancient Middle East, so my mind was in utter foreign mode. When I made the tremendous effort to get back into Japan mode for this current work, I came to the belated realization that there are limits to what one can accomplish simply by reading. Unfortunately, using books to investigate foreign history was a necessary evil. But this time, I'm going to hunt for images and data on foot. And with that as my excuse, I stealthily scheme to escape my work place.

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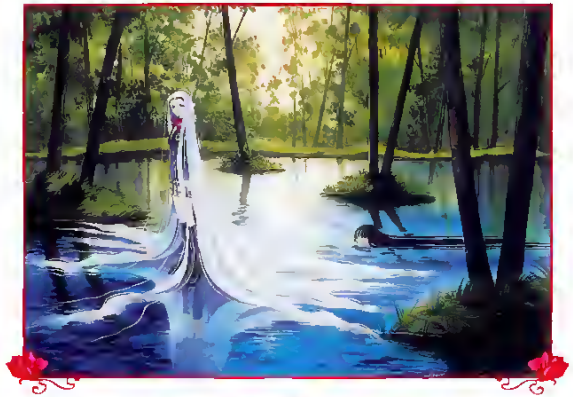

Nikadou Rikka was the sole survivor of the accident involving her school field trip bus. The reason she was saved, however, was not a simple matter of luck. Once she regains her physical health, Rikka is then attacked in a series of unbelievable incidents!! One more Rikka who emerges from anywhere there's water unlocks the door to a new fate for Rikka!? This is the eagerly awaited first volume of Shinohara Chie's new serialization!!

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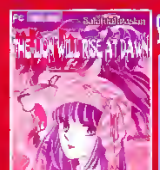

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CLANG
It happened in the blink of an eye.
WHAT WAS THAT!?
WAAH!
AAAHH!
The earth suddenly turned upside down.

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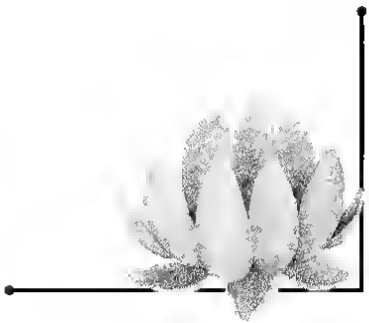
Names with Significant Meanings
Nikaidou + Rikka = Upstairs Chamber + Six Flowers
Senryou [Academy] = Water Tomb



The bus we were in fell into a lake.

SPLASH
W-... WATER'S COMING IN...!!
OH, GOD! WE'RE SINKING!!
AAAHH!
OPEN THE DOOR!!

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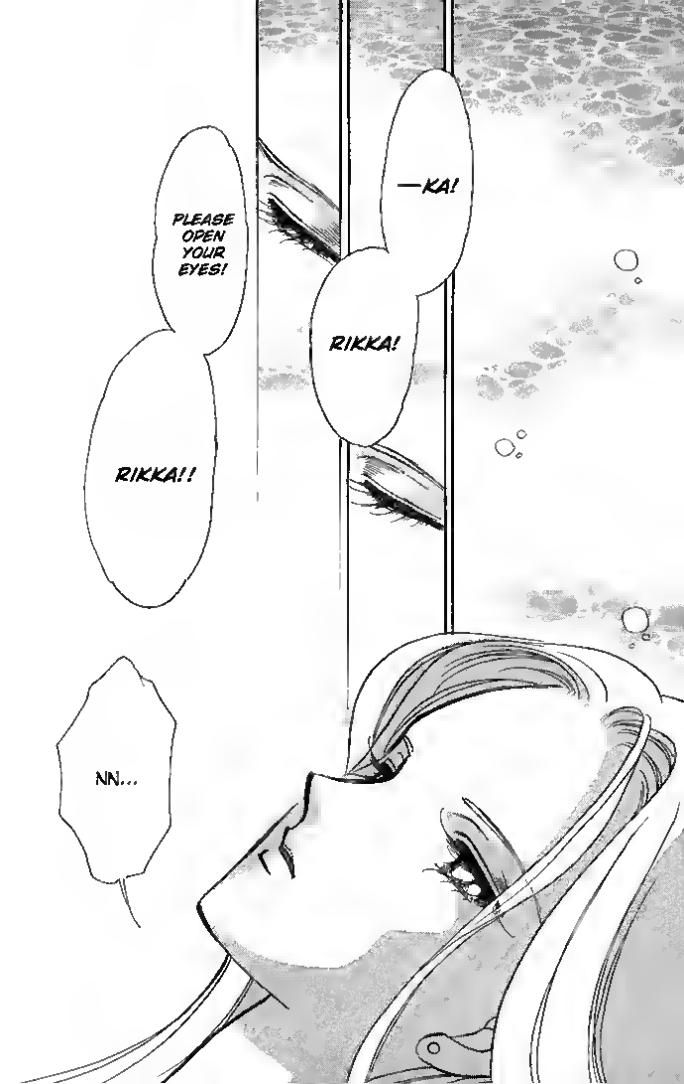
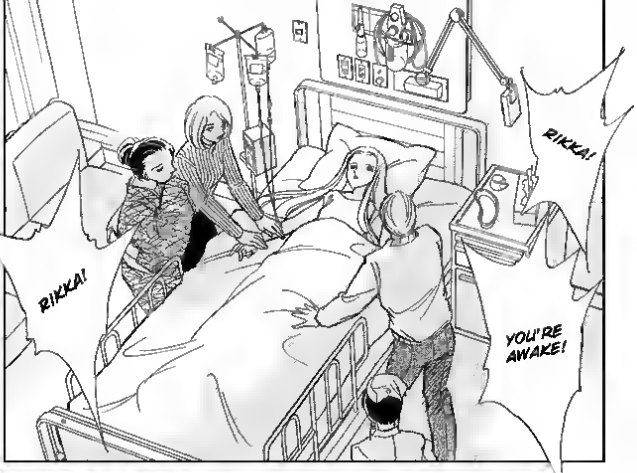
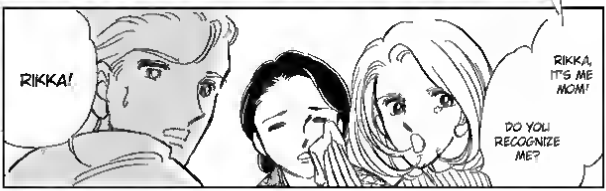
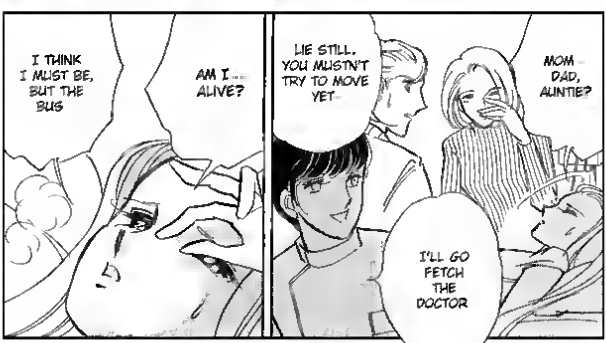
I'm going to die...
was what I thought.
I faintly noticed
a pleasant smell,
and then my body rose to the surface.


—KA!
RIKKA!
PLEASE OPEN YOUR EYES!
RIKKA!!
NN...







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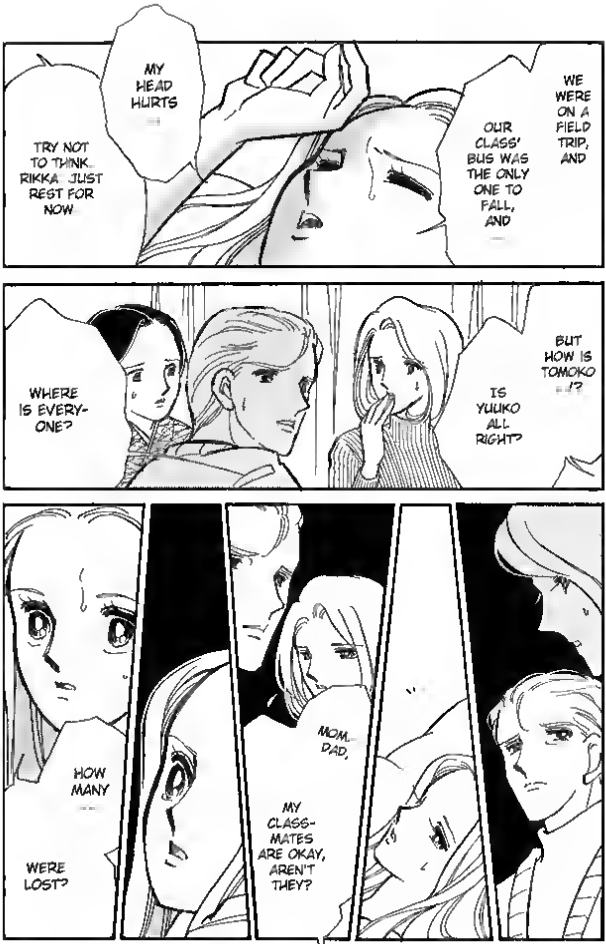
MY HEAD HURTS
TRY NOT TO THINK, RIKKA. JUST REST FOR NOW.
WE WERE ON A FIELD TRIP, AND
OUR CLASS' BUS WAS THE ONLY ONE TO FALL, AND
WHERE IS EVERY-ONE?
IS YUUKO ALL RIGHT?
BUT HOW IS TOMOKO!?
HOW MANY
WERE LOST?
MOM... DAD,
MY CLASS-MATES ARE OKAY, AREN'T THEY?

TRY TO REMAIN CALM AS I SAY THIS
RIKKA,
YOU ARE
THE ONLY SURVI-VOR.
I AM...
THE ONLY SURVIVOR ...!?

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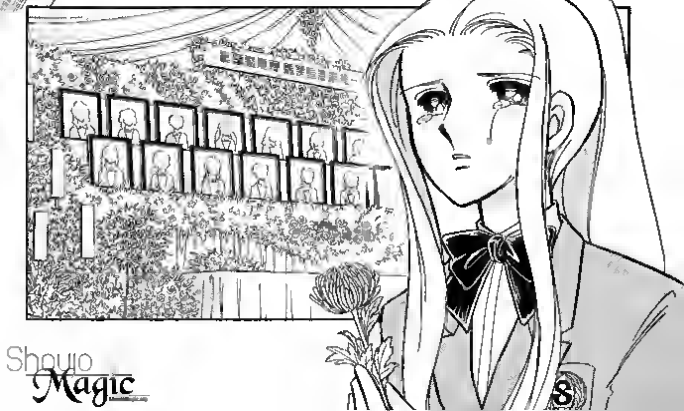

MA'AM...
!!!
YOU'RE VERY LUCKY TO STILL BE ALIVE.
Enough of that!
RIKKA-CHAN, I'M GLAD YOU CAME.
YOU'RE TOMOKO'S MOTHER.
FLASH
WHAT!?
FLASH
WHY DO YOU THINK YOU WERE THE ONLY PERSON TO COME OUT ALIVE!?
OTHER BODIES WERE FOUND THROWN FROM THE BUS, BUT
PLEASE TELL US HOW IT FEELS TO BE THE ONLY SURVIVOR!
YOU'RE NIKAIDOU RIKKA, RIGHT!?
I DEMAND THAT YOU LEAVE!
VICE PRINCI-PAL!
I BELIEVE THAT ALL ATTENDING MEMBERS OF THE PRESS WERE INSTRUCTED TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A COURTE-OUS AND REVERENT MANNER.
PLEASE CEASE THIS AT ONCE!

VICE PRINCI-PAL...
MISS NIKAI-DOU,
THERE IS CERTAINLY A REASON WHY YOU ARE LEFT UPON THIS EARTH.
FIND STRENGTH, AND LIVE FOR THOSE WHO COULD NOT.
THIS IS WHY I THOUGHT YOU SHOULDN'T COME TODAY, DEAR...
NO MRS. NIKAIDOU EVERYONE IS PLEASED TO HAVE YOUR DAUGHTER HERE
WHY I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO WAS SAVED ——!!
NO ONE WONDERS MORE THAN ME

I'M HAPPY THAT I CAN GO ON LIVING, BUT
IS THERE A SPECIAL MEANING TO BEING THE ONE LEFT BEHIND? I DON'T KNOW.
WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO DIDN'T DIE ——!?

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2-A
DING DAAANG
DOOONG...
MANY OF YOU ATTENDED THE GRADE SCHOOL SECTION TOGETHER, SO THERE'S PROBABLY NO NEED FOR INTRODUCTIONS, BUT
THIS IS NIKAIDOU RIKKA
AS OF THIS TERM, SHE'LL BE JOINING OUR CLASS

AH!
RIKKA!
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE STARTING TO COME TO SCHOOL AGAIN!
YOU'LL REJOIN THE CLUB, TOO, WON'T YOU?
I'M SURE IT WAS YOUR SWIMMING CLUB TRAINING THAT SAVED YOU! YOU'RE AN EXPERT AT THE HIGH JUMP, AFTER ALL!
HUH?
I'LL REJOIN
NAOMI!
I- I'M SORRY YOU PROBABLY DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT WATER.
WATER
SWIM-MING CLUB...
I WANT TO BE IN THE WATER...
I'LL REJOIN THE CLUB.

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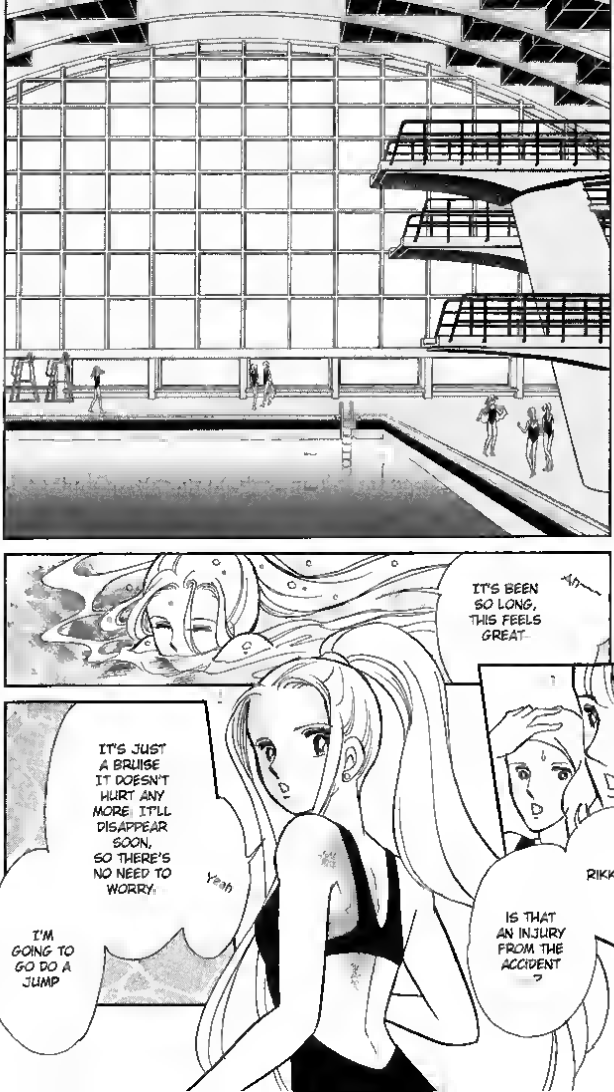
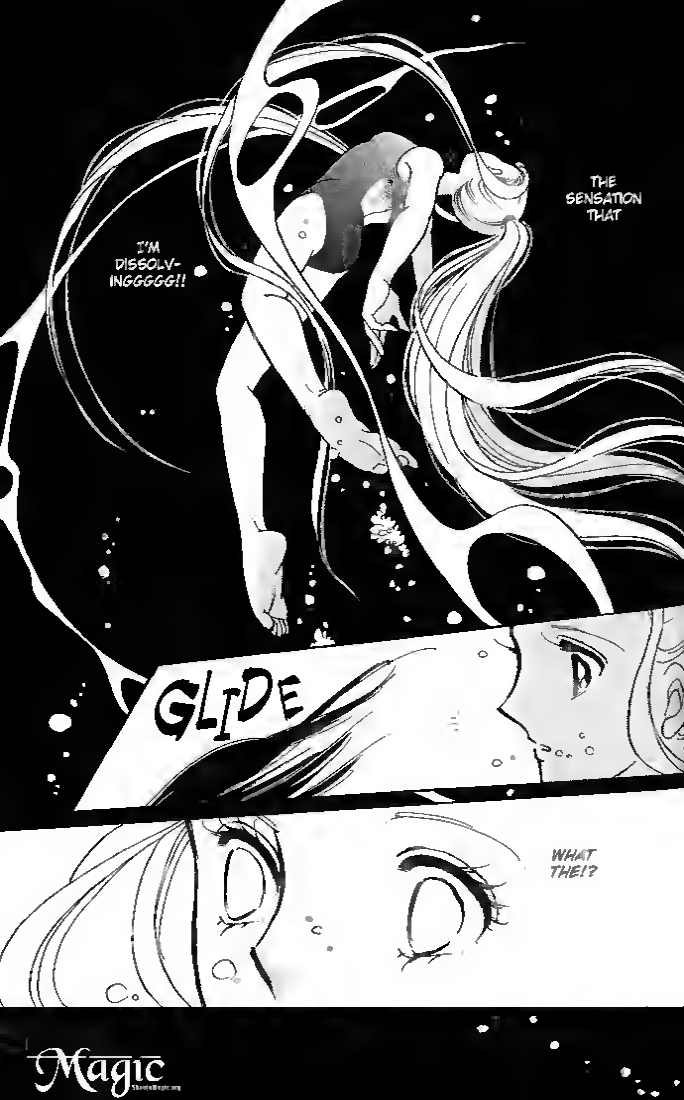

IT'S BEEN SO LONG, THIS FEELS GREAT
Ahh~
RIKKA, IS THAT AN INJURY FROM THE ACCIDENT ?
IT'S JUST A BRUISE IT DOESN'T HURT ANY MORE. IT'LL DISAPPEAR SOON, SO THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY.
Yeah
I'M GOING TO GO DO A JUMP

ZOOSH
YES
HER FORM IS BEAUTIFUL!
SHE'S THE FLOWER OF THE SWIMMING CLUB! ♡

THIS FEELS WONDERFUL
MY SKIN IS STICKING TO THE WATER, THOUGH.
I HAVEN'T FELT THAT BEFORE
NO...!?
I THINK I'VE FELT THIS ONCE BEFORE....
AAH... I'M CERTAIN THAT
I KNOW THIS FEELING ...



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DON'T DO THAT, YOU GUYS! IT'S DANGEROUS TO HIDE ON THE BOTTOM WHEN SOMEONE'S JUMPING!
HUH!?
BREAK

NO WAY!
I JUST SAW...
EVERY-ONE'S RIGHT HERE
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THERE'S NOBODY IN THE POOL.
!?
YOU SHOULD GET OUT FOR TODAY.
I DON'T THINK YOU'RE FEELING AS WELL AS YOU THINK, RIKKA, Y'KNOW?
WAS I HALLUCI-NATING?
I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE THE FACE, BUT
I SAW IT SO CLEARLY
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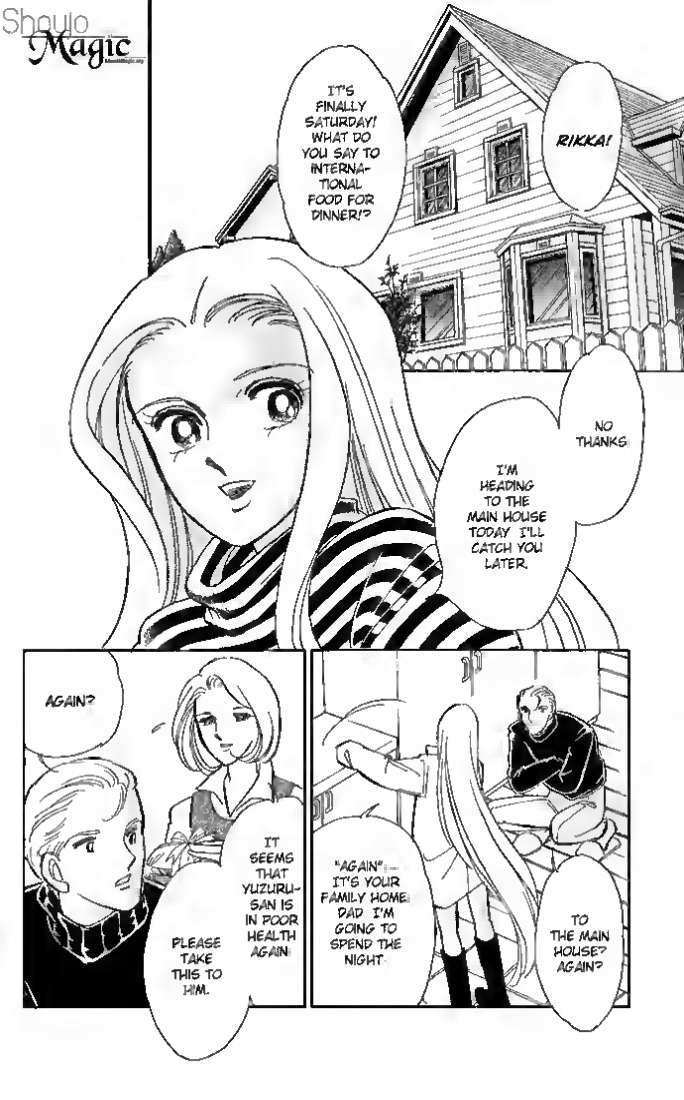
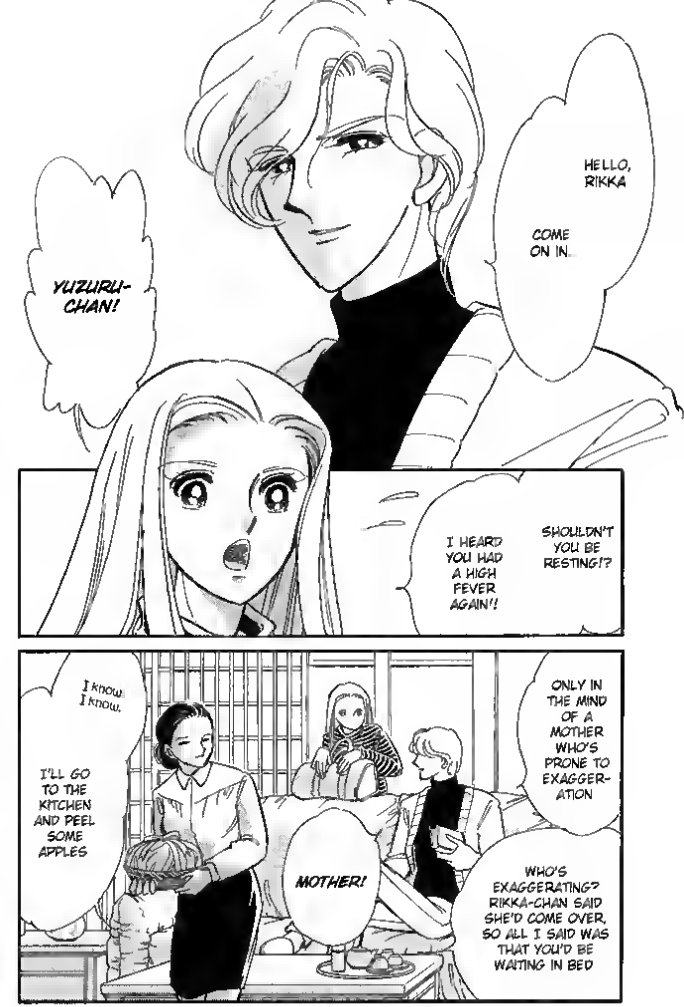

RIKKA!
IT'S FINALLY SATURDAY! WHAT DO YOU SAY TO INTERNATIONAL FOOD FOR DINNER!?
NO THANKS.
I'M HEADING TO THE MAIN HOUSE TODAY. I'LL CATCH YOU LATER.
TO THE MAIN HOUSE? AGAIN?
"AGAIN"... IT'S YOUR FAMILY HOME, DAD. I'M GOING TO SPEND THE NIGHT.
AGAIN?
IT SEEMS THAT YUZURU-SAN IS IN POOR HEALTH AGAIN.
PLEASE TAKE THIS TO HIM.

ARE THOSE OLD WOMEN SERIOUSLY TRYING TO MAKE RIKKA INTO YUZURU'S WIFE?
IT LOOKS THAT WAY
CUT
YUP!
WHICH IS WHY I'M GOING TO LOOK AFTER HIM
SINCE YOUR OLDER BROTHER PASSED SO YOUNG, THEY WORRY ABOUT HAVING AN HEIR.
THEY SEE RIKKA AS A GOOD CHOICE BECAUSE SHE'S ADORED YOUR NEPHEW SINCE THEY WERE CHILDREN.
IN SHORT THEY VIEW HER AS A NECESSITY.


HELLO, RIKKA
COME ON IN.
YUZURU-CHAN!
SHOULDN'T YOU BE RESTING!?
I HEARD YOU HAD A HIGH FEVER AGAIN!!
ONLY IN THE MIND OF A MOTHER WHO'S PRONE TO EXAGGERATION
I know. I know.
I'LL GO TO THE KITCHEN AND PEEL SOME APPLES
MOTHER!
WHO'S EXAGGERATING? RIKKA-CHAN SAID SHE'D COME OVER, SO ALL I SAID WAS THAT YOU'D BE WAITING IN BED

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MY HEALTH DIDN'T PERMIT ME TO COME SEE YOU AFTER YOUR ACCIDENT, SO I FEEL BAD MAKING YOU COME TO SEE ME
WITH ALL THE TIME I'VE TAKEN OFF FROM SCHOOL,
WE'LL BE AT THE SAME GRADE LEVEL SOON.
I won't mind!
THAT WOULD MEAN I COULD SEE YOU EVERY DAY, YUZURU-CHAN, AND I'D DO MY BEST SO WE COULD BE IN THE SAME CLUB, TOO!!
RIKKA
HOW ARE YOU DOING? HAVE YOUR INJURIES FROM THE ACCIDENT ALL HEALED?
YES, THEY'RE FINE...

OH, WELL.
DI.P
I KNOW THAT YUZURU-CHAN DOESN'T THINK OF ME AS ANYTHING MORE THAN A CUTE LITTLE COUSIN, BUT
HE COULD HAVE DONE A BETTER JOB OF TOPIC CONTROL.
AND HERE I WAS GOING TO ASK HIM WHAT HE THOUGHT ABOUT ME SEEING THINGS AT SCHOOL.
THANKS TO THAT CASE OF CONVERSATION CONSTIPATION, THOUGH, I COULDN'T GET IT OUT.
DIZZY
HUH?
IS BLOOD RUSHING TO MY HEAD? BUT LONG BATHS ARE NEVER A PROBLEM FOR

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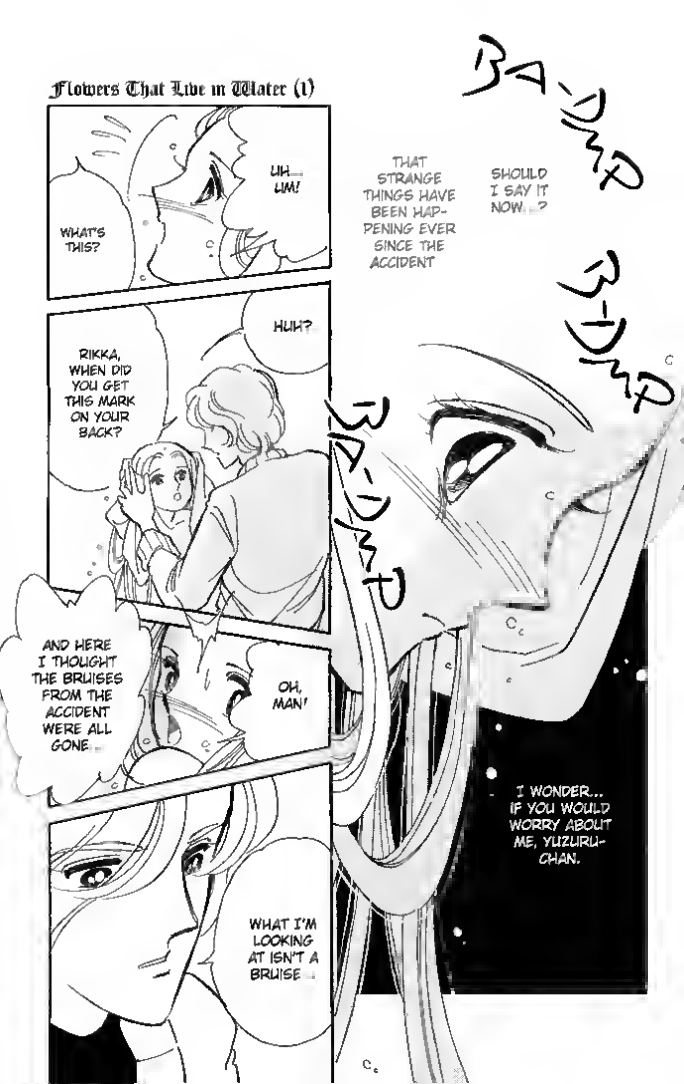
GRAB
A DISEMBODIED HAND...!?
AAAHH!

GIVE IT BACK...
WH... WHAT!?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?
IT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT YOU SHOULD HAVE.
HUH?
SLIDE
RIKKA-CHAN, WHAT'S WRONG!?
RIKKA!?
GRAMMIE, AUNTIE!!

SHAAA
!?
IT'S GONE ...!?
YUZURU!!
CARRY RIKKA-CHAN TO HER ROOM
THE WATER MUST HAVE BEEN TOO HOT
ARE YOU OKAY?
YUZURU-CHAN!?
NO, I'M FINE, I-

GRANMMIE AND AUNTIE'S ... ULTERIOR MOTIVE IS OBVIOUS ~~~
SO YOU STAY HERE AND WATCH HER FOR US YUZURU
WE'LL GO FETCH SOME COLD TOWELS.

OH!! TH-THAT'S OKAY!
I'LL GET IT MYSELF!!
YOU BROUGHT A CHANGE OF CLOTHES, RIGHT?
IN HERE?
IF YOU CAUGHT A COLD RIGHT NOW,
THE OLD WOMEN WOULD HAVE MY HEAD
ACK!
FLOOF


UH... UM!
WHAT'S THIS?
HUH?
RIKKA, WHEN DID YOU GET THIS MARK ON YOUR BACK?
OH, MAN!
AND HERE I THOUGHT THE BRUISES FROM THE ACCIDENT WERE ALL GONE...
WHAT I'M LOOKING AT ISN'T A BRUISE...
THAT STRANGE THINGS HAVE BEEN HAPPENING EVER SINCE THE ACCIDENT
SHOULD I SAY IT NOW...?
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
I WONDER... IF YOU WOULD WORRY ABOUT ME, YUIZURU-CHAN.

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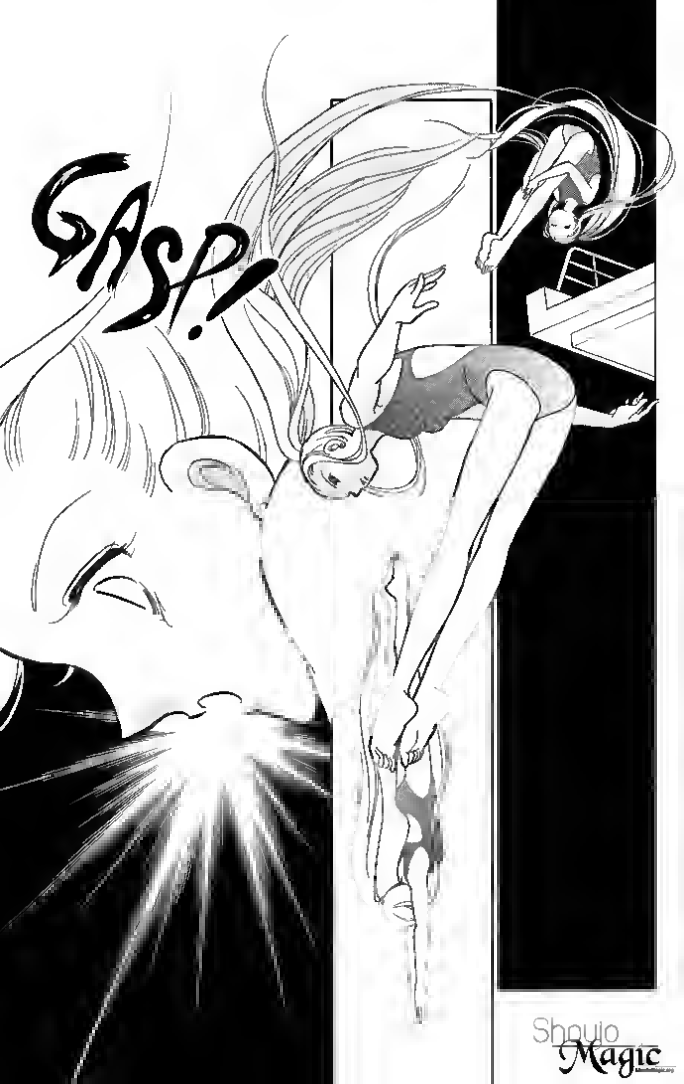
WHAT'S GOING ON ...!?
SOMETHING HERE ISN'T RIGHT. SOMETHING HERE IS VERY STRANGE ..
FLOWER PETALS ....!?
I HAVE NO IDEA WHY THAT'S THERE!

SHOOP
WATER ...!!
SOMETHING
WATER!!
I FORGOT THAT WE HAVE WEEKEND PRACTICE! SORRY!
TO SCHOOL!
RIKKA-CHAN!? WHERE ARE YOU GOING THIS EARLY!?
I love the water!
I want to be in the water!!


GASP!

--HAAA

GLIDE
!!
WRAP
WRAP

IS THIS WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE ?
WHEN . I SANK INTO THE LAKE WITH THE BUS !?
I CAN... BREATHE !?
I'M BEING PULLED UNDER!!
CHU
SOFF
NOOO!
...

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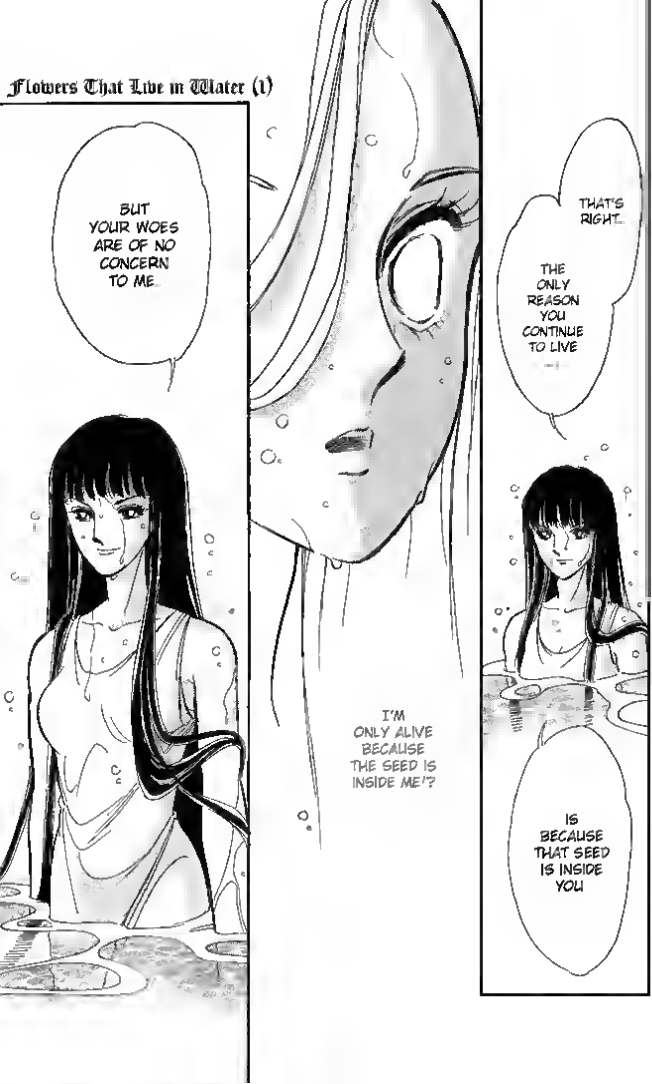
GULP
IT WAS AFTER THAT!!
A GOLDEN SEED...
IT GOT EASIER TO BREATHE, AND MY BODY GREW LIGHT.

FLINCH
float
!!
BREAK
DO YOU REMEMBER NOW?
THAT SEED DOES NOT BELONG TO YOU.
RETURN IT TO ME
WH-... WHAT ARE YOU?
AND JUST WHAT IS THIS SEED!!
YOU DON'T KNOW?
THAT SEED EXTENDS YOUR LIFE WHEN YOU'RE IN THE WATER
TRUTH BE TOLD, YOU'RE DEAD RIGHT NOW.
I'M... DEAD?


BUT YOUR WOES ARE OF NO CONCERN TO ME.
THAT'S RIGHT.
THE ONLY REASON YOU CONTINUE TO LIVE
I'M ONLY ALIVE BECAUSE THE SEED IS INSIDE ME!?
IS BECAUSE THAT SEED IS INSIDE YOU

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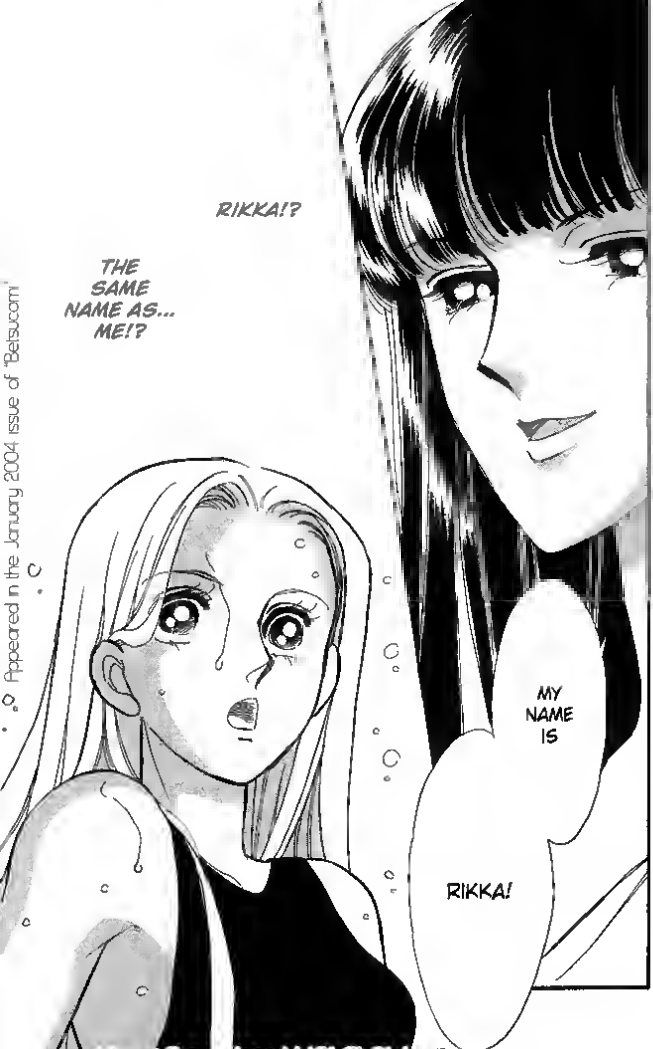

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RIKKA NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH! BUT BEFORE HER, THE APPEARANCE OF "RIKKA" ...!?

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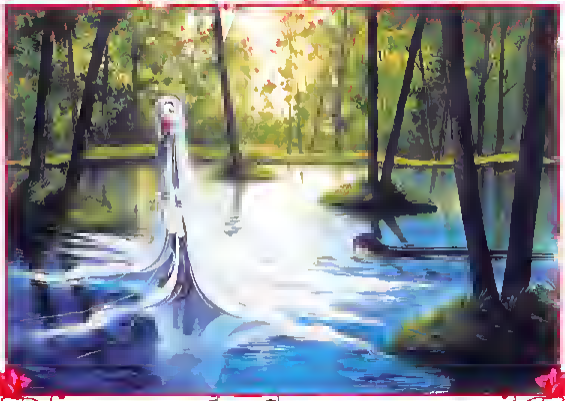

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RIKKA?
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN!?
YOU'RE RIKKA, TOO!?
THE SAME NAME AS MINE!?

N.. NO, NEVER MIND THAT.
DID YOU SAY THAT... I'M ALIVE ONLY BECAUSE I'VE SWALLOWED THE SEED?
THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID?
I DID.
THAT MEANS IF I RETURN THE SEED,
THEN I WILL DIE..!?
THEN YOU WILL DIE.

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN RETURN IT!!
HAVING HEARD THAT,
FWSH
I WILL HAVE YOU RETURN IT.
AAAH!
WRAP
SPLSH
PULL
PULL
PULL

Swish

I WILL
HAVE YOU RETURN THE SEED.
YOU SAY RETURN, RETURN,
BUT HOW!?
WELL . . .
LIKE THIS.
!!

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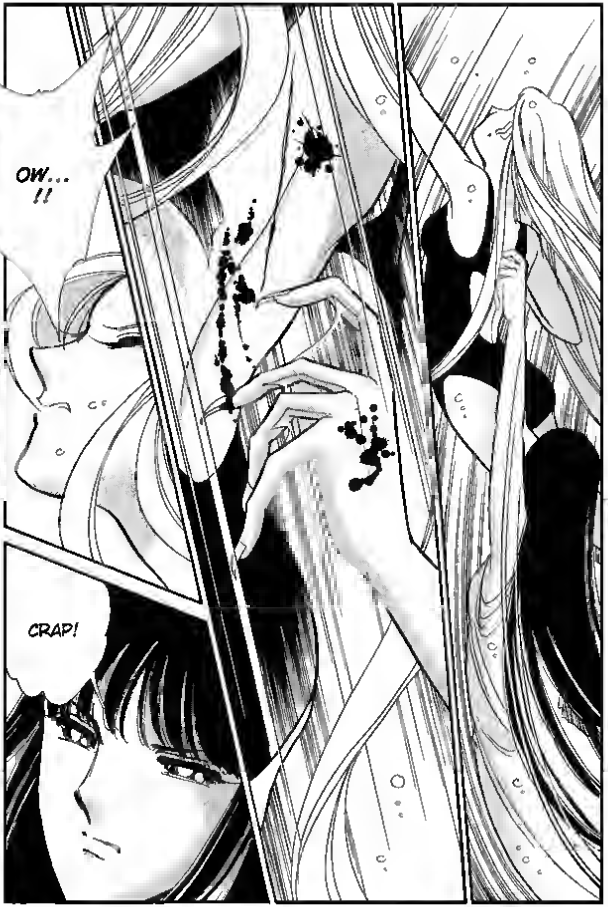
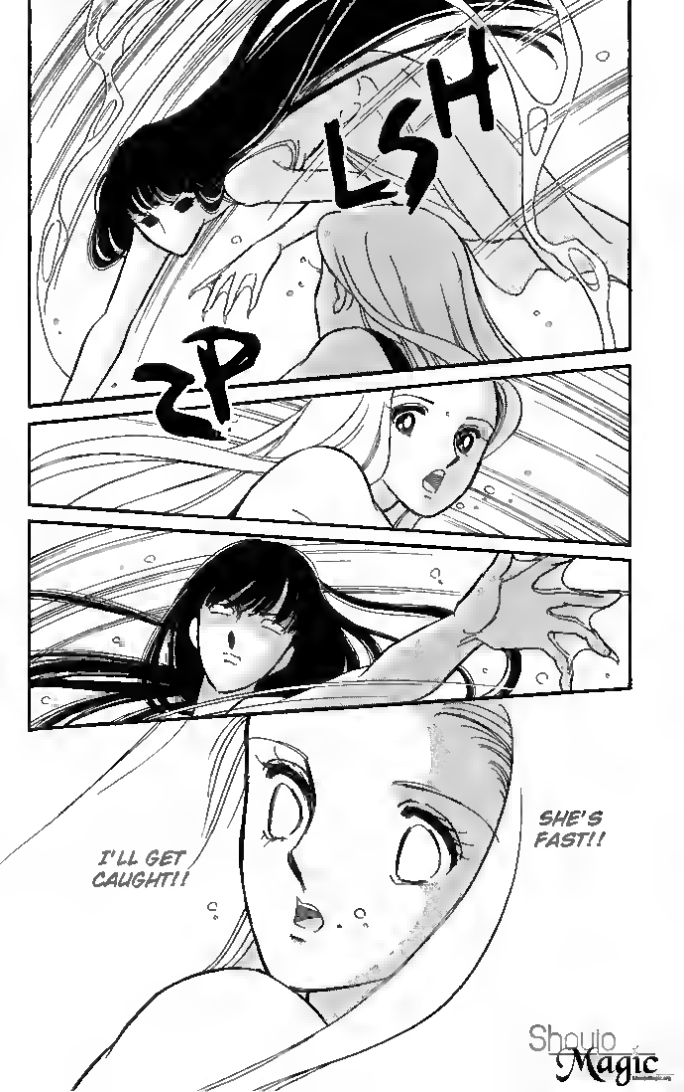
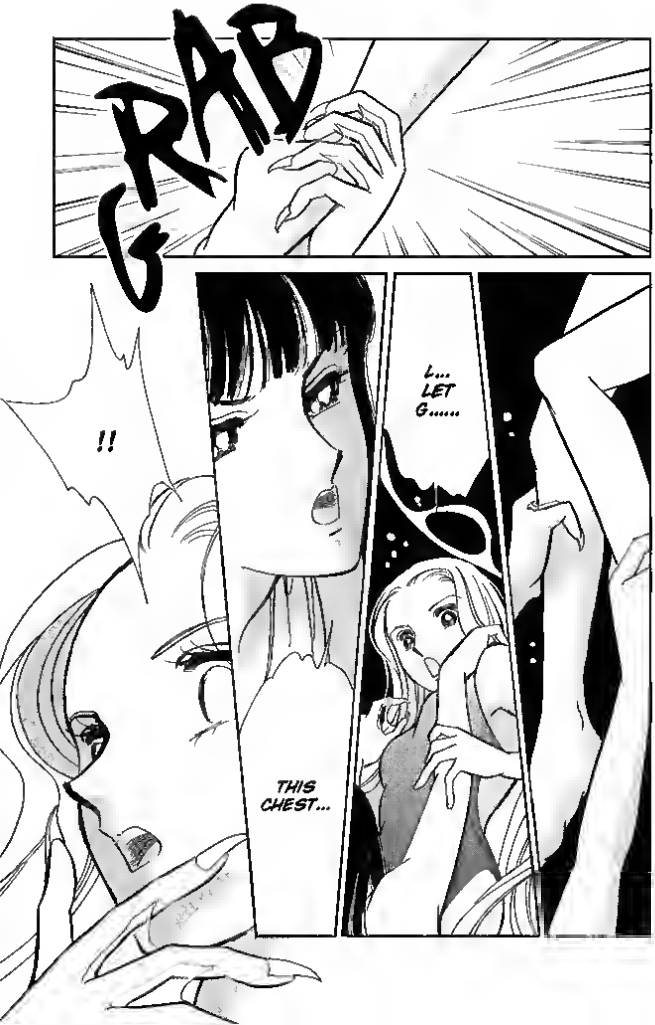

OW...
!!
CRAP!

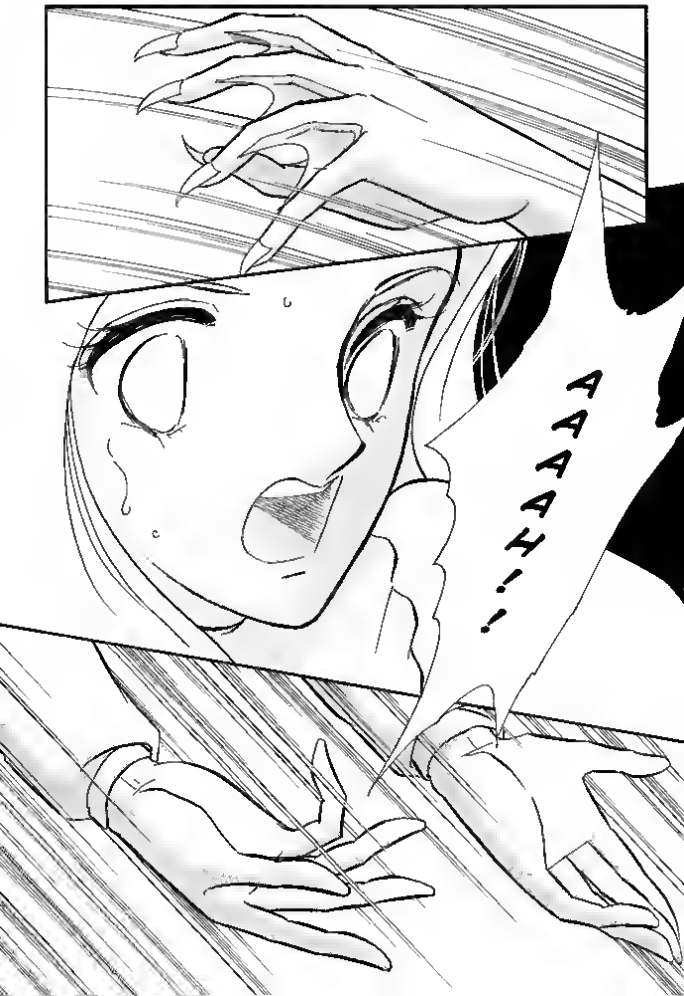
MY BODY MOVES FAST UNDERWATER.
I CAN BREATH. I CAN TALK.
I WON'T LET YOU ESCAPE!
IS THIS ALL BECAUSE OF THAT SEED!?

WEBBING!?


LSH
ZP
SHE'S FAST!!
I'LL GET CAUGHT!!


GRAB
!!
THIS CHEST...
L... LET G.....

I'LL RIP OPEN THIS CHEST AND EXTRACT THE SEED!!


AAAAH!!

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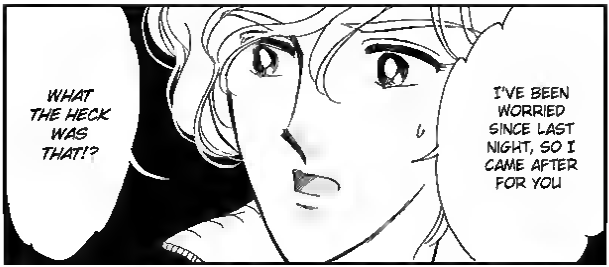
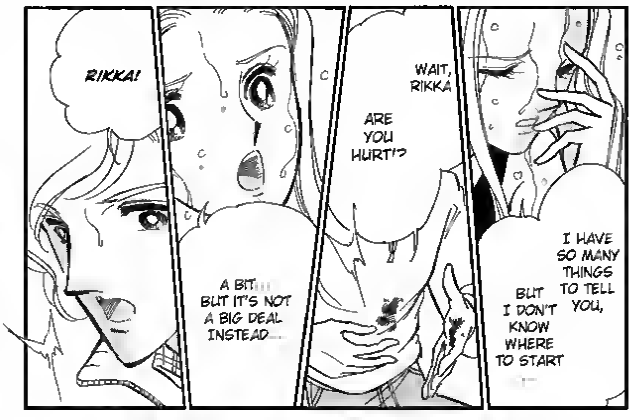
PLNK

!?
DISAP-
PEARED!?
HOW...


WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT!?
I'VE BEEN WORRIED SINCE LAST NIGHT, SO I CAME AFTER FOR YOU


RIKKA!
A BIT... BUT IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL INSTEAD...
WAIT, RIKKA ARE YOU HURT!?
I HAVE SO MANY THINGS TO TELL YOU, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START

HUH?
YOUR MARK...!
NO, THE INJURY NEEDS SOME FIRST AID, BUT
I SAID, I'M OKAY!!

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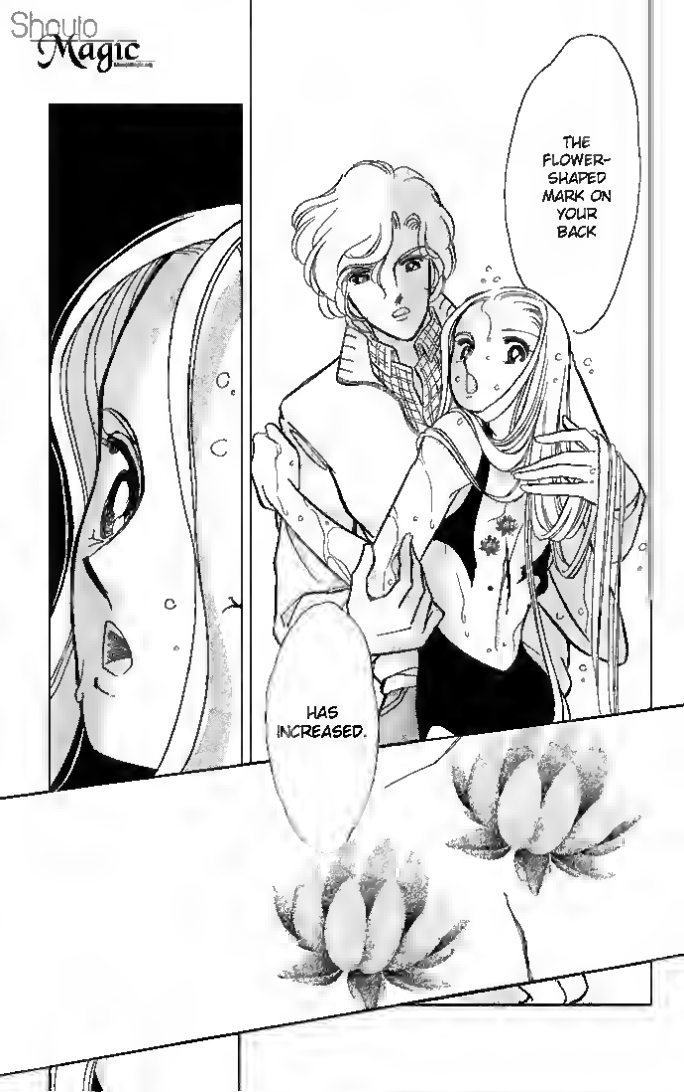
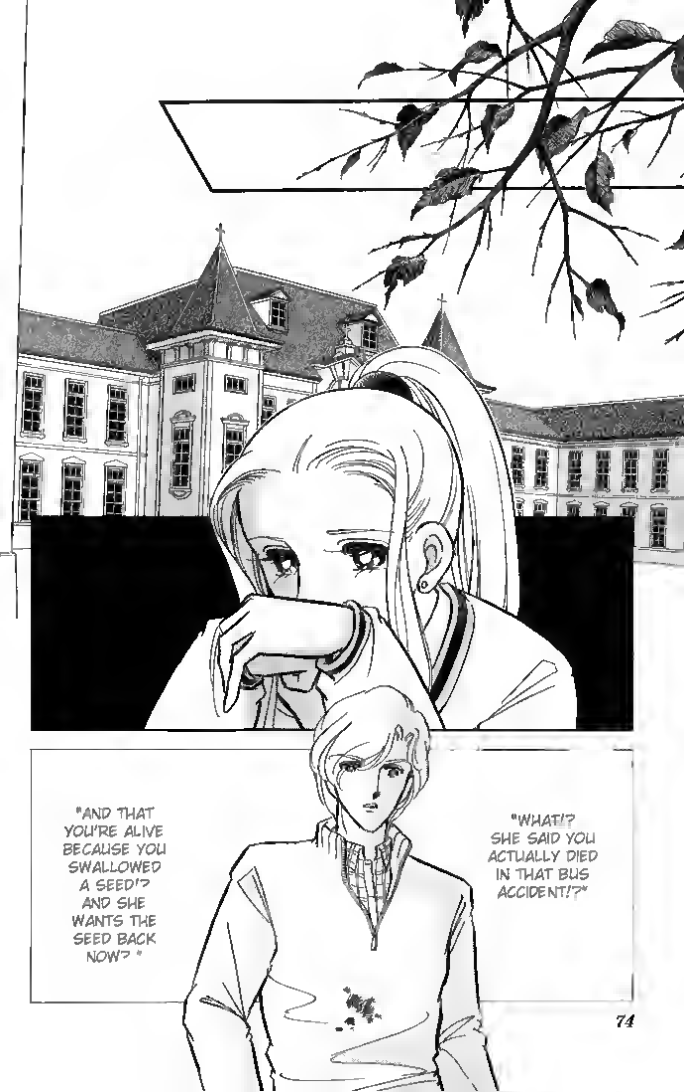
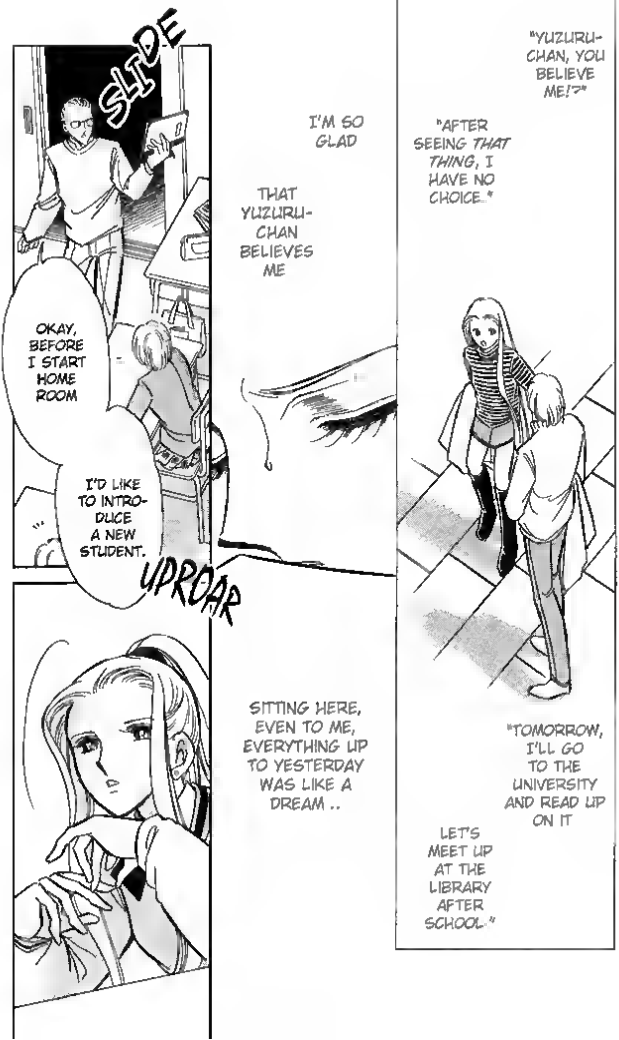



"AND THAT YOU'RE ALIVE BECAUSE YOU SWALLOWED A SEED!? AND SHE WANTS THE SEED BACK NOW? "
"WHAT!? SHE SAID YOU ACTUALLY DIED IN THAT BUS ACCIDENT!?"


"YUZURU-CHAN, YOU BELIEVE ME!?"
"AFTER SEEING *THAT THING*, I HAVE NO CHOICE."
I'M SO GLAD
THAT YUZURU-CHAN BELIEVES ME
"TOMORROW, I'LL GO TO THE UNIVERSITY AND READ UP ON IT
LET'S MEET UP AT THE LIBRARY AFTER SCHOOL."
SLIDE
OKAY, BEFORE I START HOME ROOM
I'D LIKE TO INTRO-DUCE A NEW STUDENT.
UPROAR
SITTING HERE, EVEN TO ME, EVERYTHING UP TO YESTERDAY WAS LIKE A DREAM ..

SHE WILL JOIN OUR CLASS, 2-A, FROM TODAY.
RIKKA MIZUCHI
MY NAME IS RIKKA MIZUCHI.
DUE TO MY FATHER'S WORK, I LIVED OVER-SEAS FOR A WHILE,
SO IT MAY TAKE TIME TO GET USED TO THINGS, BUT I HOPE YOU WILL BE KIND AND PATIENT

RIKKA?
!!
MIZU...
?
THAT GIRL...
WHAT'S WRONG, NIKAIDOU ?
AH THAT'S RIGHT, YOU'RE ALSO RIKKA.
OOOHH!

Girls from abroad sure aren't shy!
.....
.....
.....
.....
HUG
YOUR NAME IS ALSO RIKKA?
WHAT A COINCI-DENCE, LET'S BE FRIENDS!
!
ARE YOU PLANNING TO SAY THAT I APPEARED
FROM UNDERWATER AND ATTACKED YOU?
THAT'S UN-BELIEVABLE... YOU THINK SO TOO, RIGHT?
I'M GOING TO START CLASS, SO FOR NOW, MIZUCHI CAN SIT IN THE EMPTY SEAT IN THE BACK
HEY,
LEAVE YOUR PERSONAL INTRODUC-TIONS UNTIL LATER

YES.
A TRANSFER STUDENT!?
DOES SHE PLAN TO KEEP WATCH ON ME?
WHAT IS SHE SCHEMING?

MIZUCHI-SAN, WHERE OVERSEAS WERE YOU?
MANY PLACES.
SO MIZUCHI-SAN, YOU CAN SPEAK MULTIPLE LANGUAGES!?
UNFORTUNATELY, I ATTENDED JAPANESE SCHOOLS ABROAD.
COULD YOU PLEASE STOP CALLING ME "MIZUCHI-SAN?"
OH!
CALL ME RIKKA.
BUT IF IT'S THE SAME AS NIKAIDOU-SAN,
WOULDN'T IT BE CONFUSING?
RIKKA?
PLEASE, DON'T MIND ME.

RIKKA, YOU'RE GOING HOME?
WHAT ABOUT CLUBS!? THE SWIM TEAM
CAN'T GO TODAY I'M MEETING UP WITH MY COUSIN
OH, THAT GOOD-LOOKING COUSIN
YOU'VE SEDUCED HIM ALREADY RIGHT?
WE'RE NOT LIKE THAT!
SWIM TEAM...
THE TRUTH IS I WANT TO GET UNDER-WATER.
I WANT TO SPREAD MY ARMS AND LEGS, AND SWIM IN THE COLD WATER.
I WANT TO FEEL THAT SENSATION ON MY SKIN.

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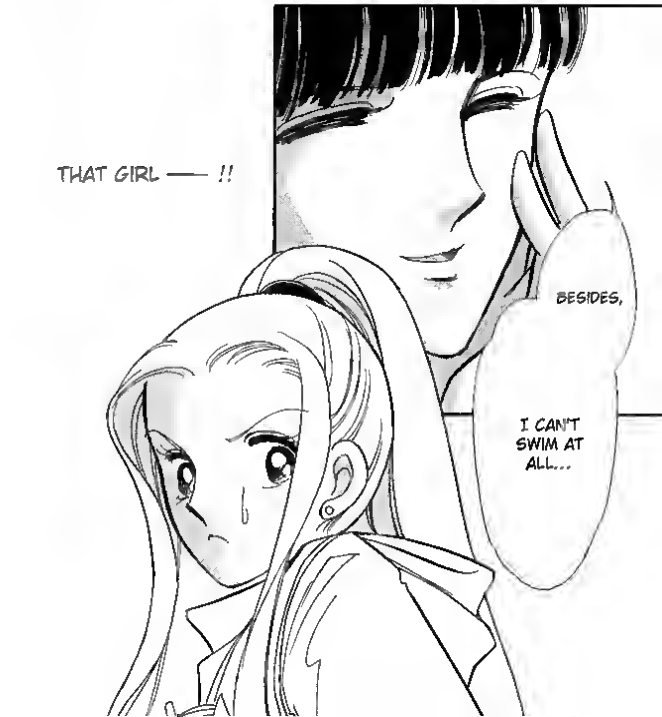
OH MIZUCHI-SAN, WHY DON'T YOU JOIN THE SWIM TEAM?
OTHER THAN RIKKA'S DIVING, OUR SWIM TEAM IS ALMOST JUST FOR FUN...
BUT I'VE BEEN WEAK SINCE CHILDHOOD, AND SPORTS



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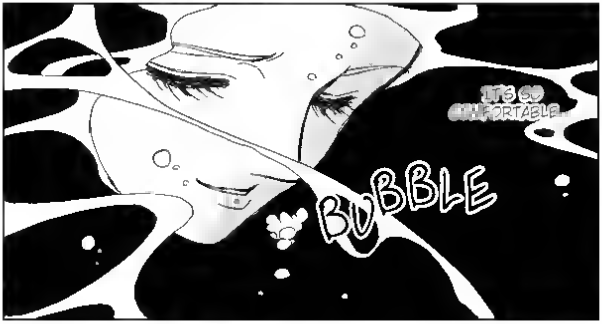
UNGH ..
I WANT WATER!!
WATER...!!

CAN'T BREATH...!
I WANT WATER.
I WANT TO GET UNDER WATER!!
ZPLASH


IT'S SO UNCOMFORTABLE
BUBBLE

Oh!

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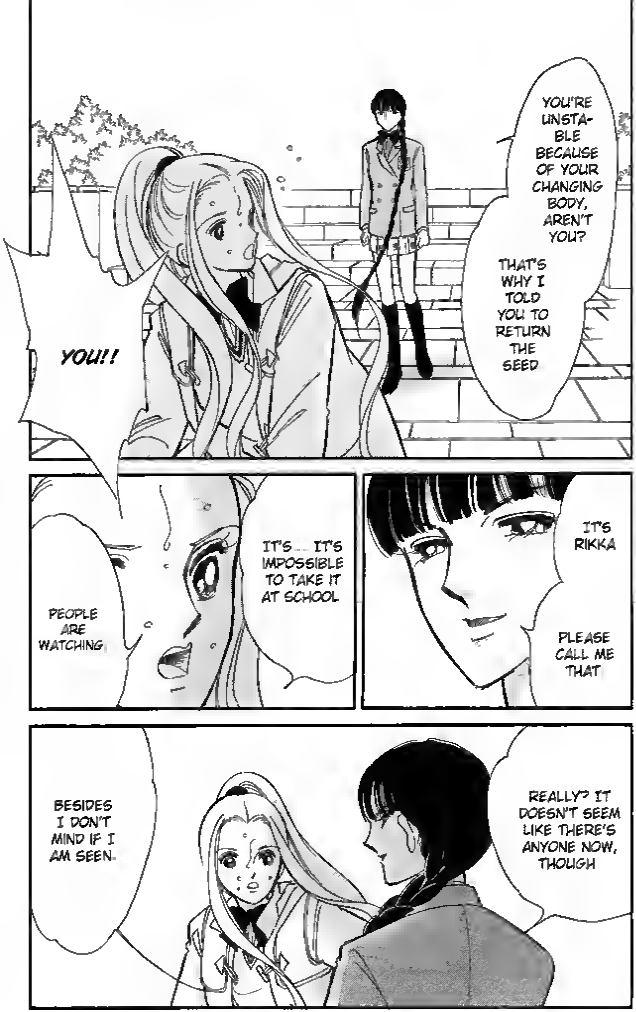
YOU'RE UNSTABLE BECAUSE OF YOUR CHANGING BODY, AREN'T YOU?
THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU TO RETURN THE SEED
YOU!!
IT'S... IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO TAKE IT AT SCHOOL
PEOPLE ARE WATCHING
IT'S RIKKA
PLEASE CALL ME THAT
REALLY? IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THERE'S ANYONE NOW, THOUGH
BESIDES I DON'T MIND IF I AM SEEN.

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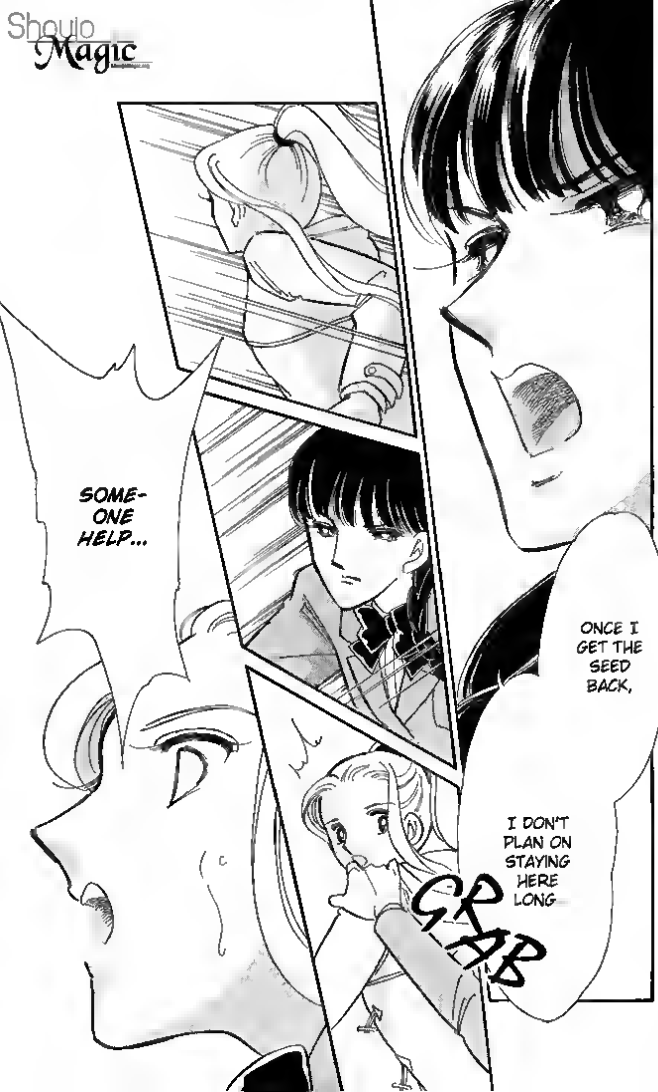

GRAB
I CAN'T LET SOME-ONE LIKE YOU
HAVE IT.
THAT SEED BELONGS TO ME!

RIKKA!

MY APOLO-GIES
I MEANT THE BLACK-HAIRED RIKKA...
WHO IS IT...?
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
WITHER
RIKKA,
ZAAA
YOU SEEM TO BE ACTING AGAINST ORDERS
I... I'M SORRY
IZUMI...!! I...!!
IZUMI?

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WHO
ALLOWED YOU TO MAKE EXCUSES?
FEAR

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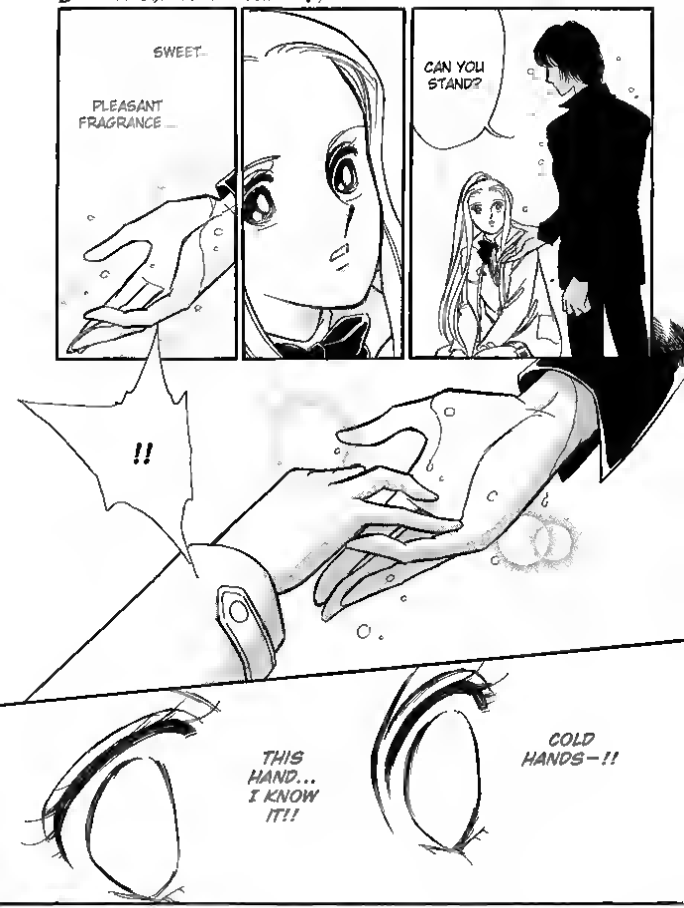
SWEET...
PLEASANT FRAGRANCE...
CAN YOU STAND?
!!
THIS HAND... I KNOW IT!!
COLD HANDS—!!

YOU REMEMBER.
I'M GLAD.
SMILE
YOU!!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO LET ME SWALLOW THE SEED!?

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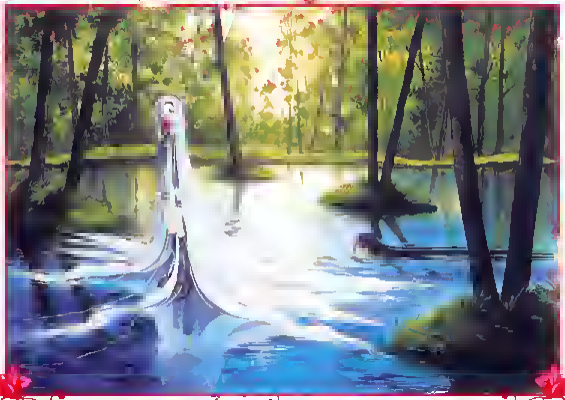

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BECAUSE OF THE SEED I AM IN PAIN IF I DON'T GO UNDER-WATER..
BUT WHY!? WHY DID GIVE IT TO ME!?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO GAVE ME THE SEED!!
YES... THIS HAND... IT'S YOU..

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YOU'RE NOT HAPPY?
OF COURSE NOT!
IF I'D LEFT YOU ALONE, YOU'D HAVE DROWNED IN THAT LAKE ALONG WITH THE OTHER WOMEN.
YOU'RE NOT HAPPY THAT I HELPED YOU!?
LIFE OUTSIDE THE WATER IS NOT THE ONLY GREAT LIFE.
IF YOU WISH, I CAN GRANT YOU A BETTER LIFE UNDER-WATER.

AAH!
NO THANKS.
IF YOU LEAVE IT ALONE,
YOU ARE THE ONE WHO WILL SUFFER.
Slip...

CHU
I CAN'T OBJECT.
I SHOULD BE DISGUSTED AT A STRANGER'S TOUCH, BUT...
I CAN'T SLAP HIM AWAY.

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HIS HANDS ARE COLD

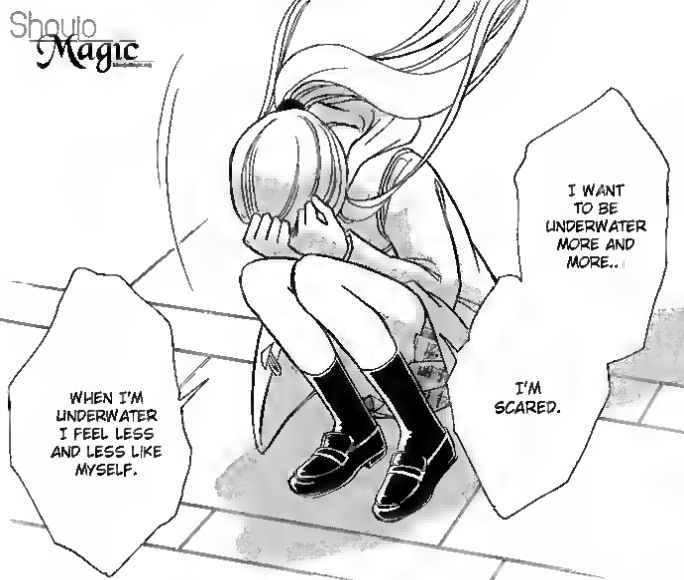
AND COMFORT-ABLE.

AS IF I AM UNDERWATER...

RIKKA!
I AM THAT RIKKA'S COUSIN
WHO IS THIS?
YUZURU-CHAN!
BUT...
YOU ARE TOO NOSY TO JUST BE HER COUSIN
HE HAS ALSO INTER-RUPTED ME ONCE

GRAB
YUZURU-CHAN!
HMM.
I DON'T REALLY UNDER-STAND, BUT I DON'T LIKE GETTING INTER-RUPTED.
STEP
CHA-T-TER
CHITTER

SLIDE
RIKKA
!!
YUZURU-CHAN I'M SCARED
RIKKA?
YUZURU-CHAN


I WANT TO BE UNDERWATER MORE AND MORE..
I'M SCARED.
WHEN I'M UNDERWATER I FEEL LESS AND LESS LIKE MYSELF.

I'M SORRY, RIKKA.
I TRIED LOOKING IN THE LIBRARY, BUT I STILL ..
NO, DON'T APOLOGIZE
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, YUZURU-CHAN.
I'LL TRY TO ALWAYS BE WITH YOU.
ANYWAYS, DON'T BE ALONE
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THINGS MYSELF.
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE
THANK YOU.

IT'S NOT IMPOS-SIBLE.
HUH?
I WILL DEFI-NITELY FIND A WAY TO BE TO-GETHER
YUZURU-CHAN?

NIKAIDOU
WHAT?
ARE YOU SERIOUS, YUZURU!?
YES.
YUZURU-CHAN!?
PLEASE LET ME TAKE CARE OF RIKKA AT MY HOUSE.

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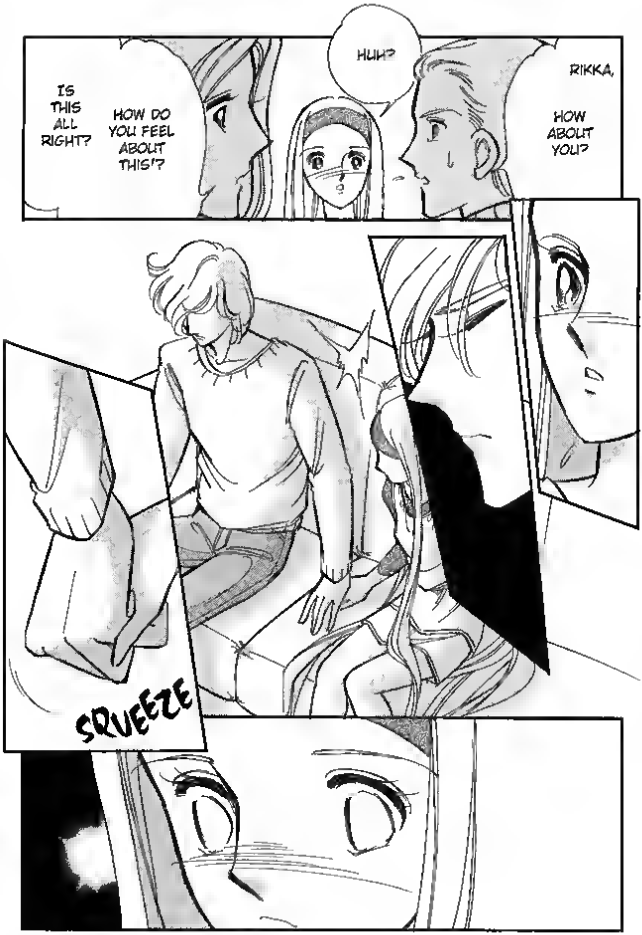
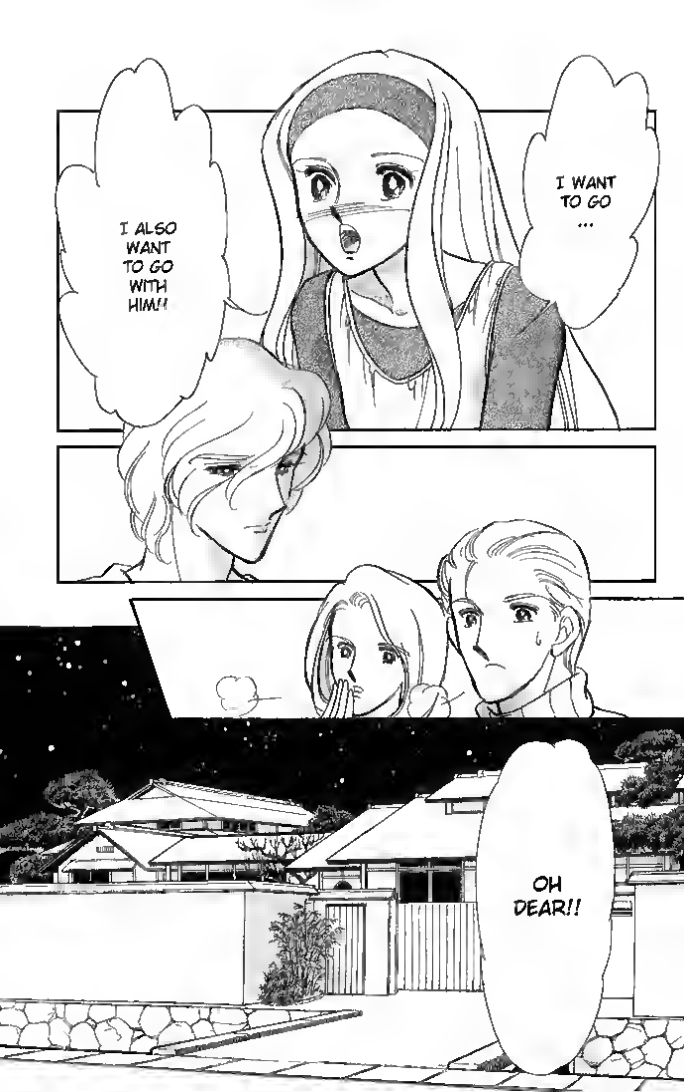
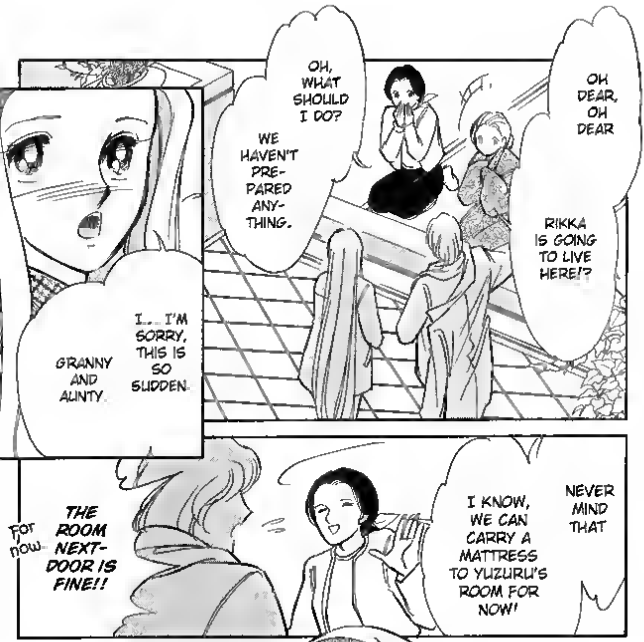
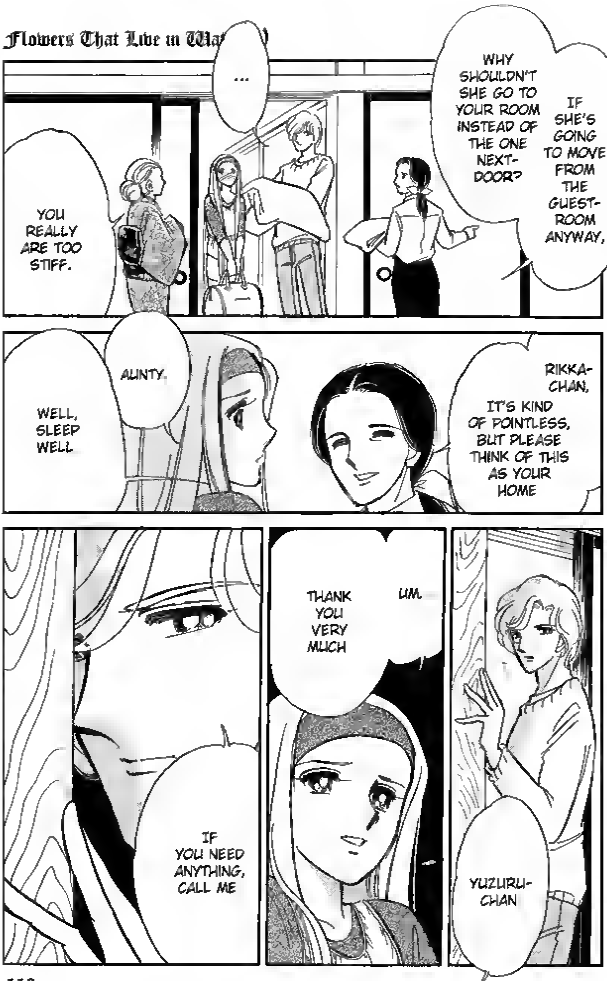
I KNEW THAT MY MOTHER AND SISTER-IN-LAW WISH FOR RIKKA TO BE YOUR WIFE
BUT IS THAT UMMMM... WHAT YOU WANT AS WELL?
YUZURU-SAN, THIS ..?
YES...
YUZURU-CHAN, ARE YOU SERIOUS!?
BUT YUZURU-SAN, RIKKA IS ONLY IN HER 2ND YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL!
THAT MEANS I CAN LIVE WITH YUZURU-CHAN!?
AUNTY, I WILL STILL LET HER GO TO SCHOOL.
TAKE CARE OF ME.


IS THIS ALL RIGHT?
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS!?
HUH?
RIKKA,
HOW ABOUT YOU?
SQUEEZE


I WANT TO GO ...
I ALSO WANT TO GO WITH HIM!!
OH DEAR!!


OH DEAR, OH DEAR
RIKKA IS GOING TO LIVE HERE!?
OH, WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WE HAVEN'T PREPARED ANYTHING.
I... I'M SORRY, THIS IS SO SUDDEN.
GRANNY AND AUNTY
NEVER MIND THAT
I KNOW, WE CAN CARRY A MATTRESS TO YUZURU'S ROOM FOR NOW!
FOR NOW
THE ROOM NEXT-DOOR IS FINE!!

DAZED
I CAN'T BELIEVE
THAT I CAN BE WITH YUZURU-CHAN FOREVER..


...
YOU REALLY ARE TOO STIFF.
WHY SHOULDN'T SHE GO TO YOUR ROOM INSTEAD OF THE ONE NEXT-DOOR?
IF SHE'S GOING TO MOVE FROM THE GUEST-ROOM ANYWAY,
AUNTY.
WELL, SLEEP WELL
RIKKA-CHAN,
IT'S KIND OF POINTLESS, BUT PLEASE THINK OF THIS AS YOUR HOME
IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, CALL ME
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
UM.
YUZURU-CHAN

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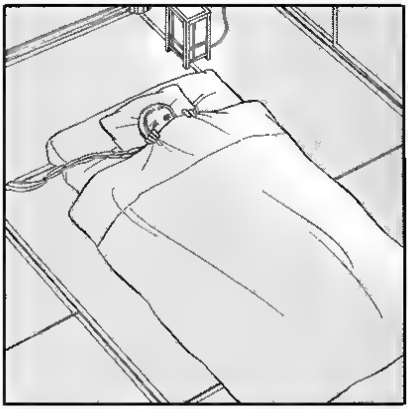
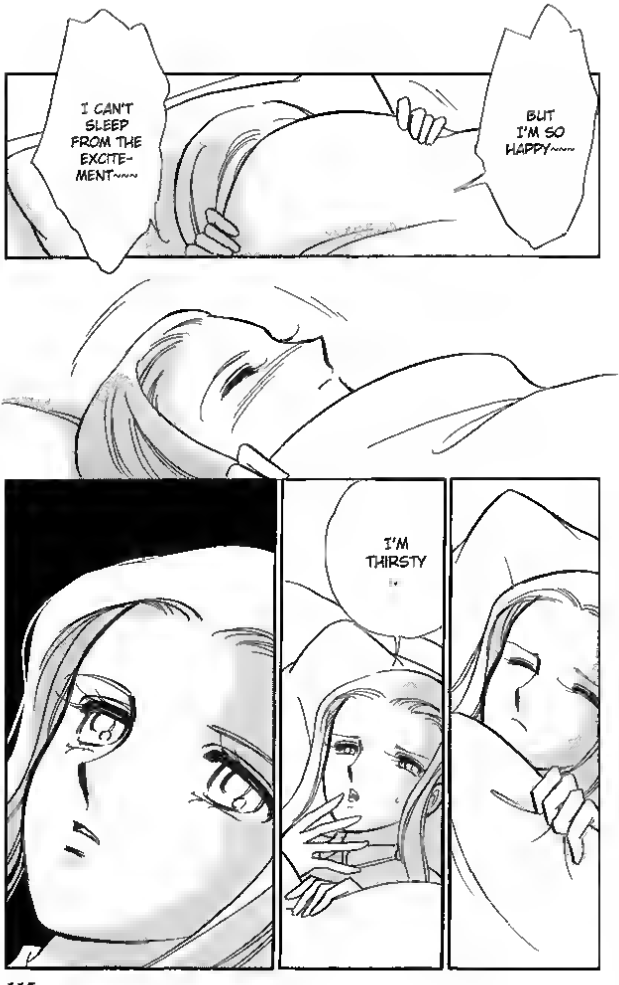
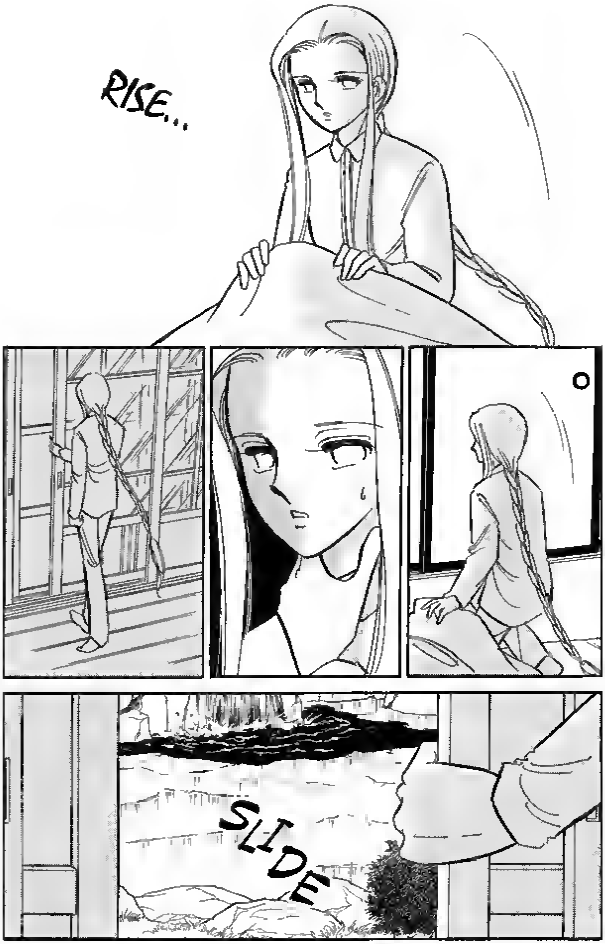


I KNOW.

I DON'T SERIOUSLY BELIEVE THAT I WILL BE HIS WIFE.

YUZURU-CHAN IS ONLY WITH ME BECAUSE HE IS WORRIED.


I CAN'T SLEEP FROM THE EXCITE-MENT~~~
BUT I'M SO HAPPY~~~
I'M THIRSTY



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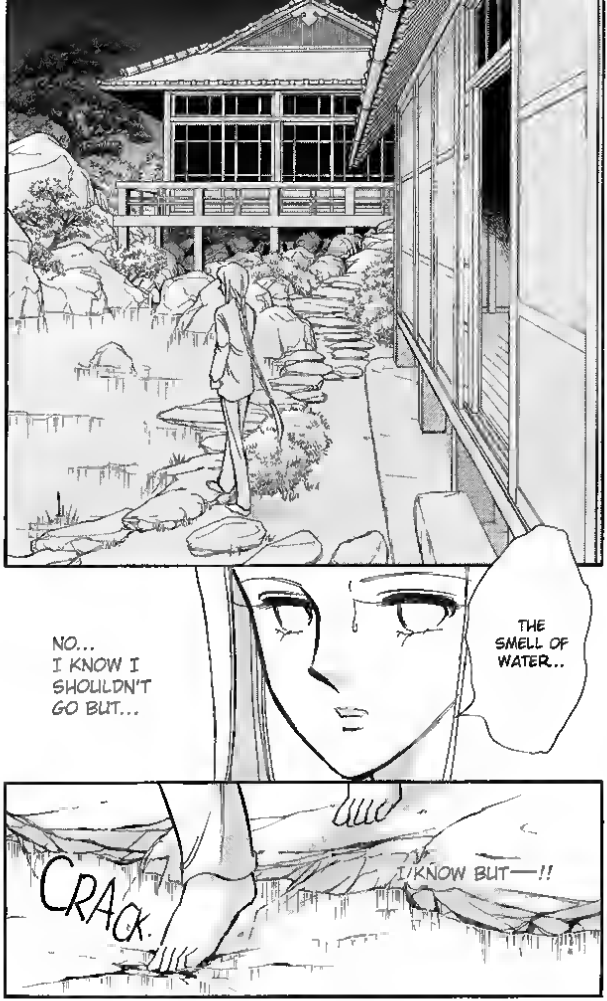
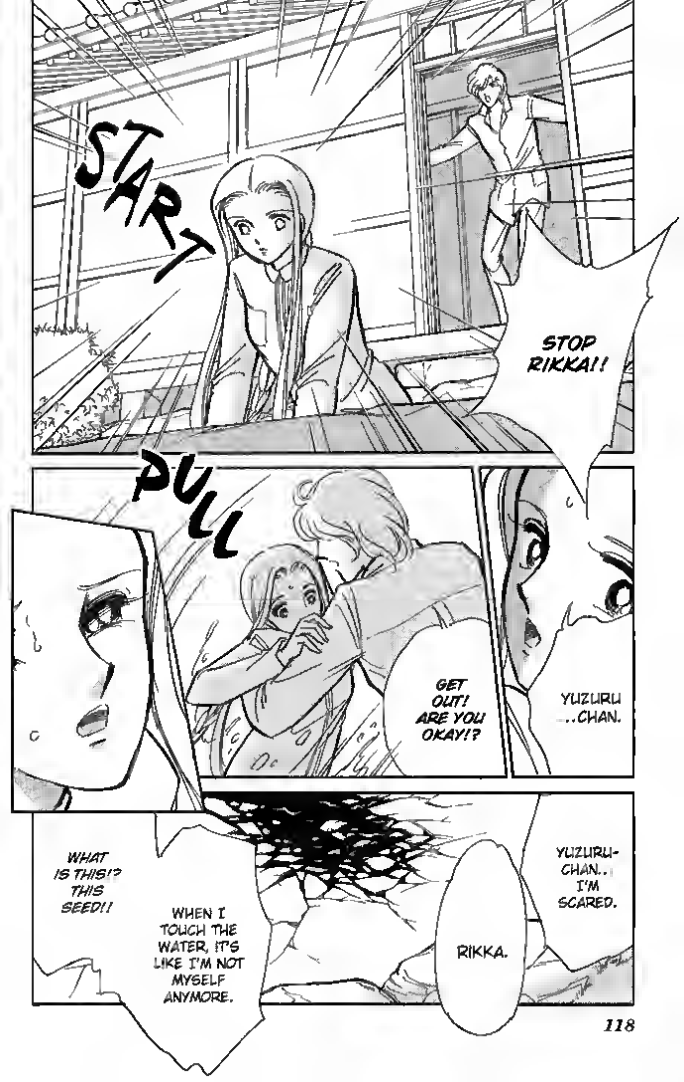

THE SMELL OF WATER..
NO... I KNOW I SHOULDN'T GO BUT...
I KNOW BUT——!!
CRACK.


START
STOP RIKKA!!
PULL
YUZURU ...CHAN.
GET OUT! ARE YOU OKAY!?
YUZURU-CHAN.. I'M SCARED.
RIKKA.
WHEN I TOUCH THE WATER, IT'S LIKE I'M NOT MYSELF ANYMORE.
WHAT IS THIS!? THIS SEED!!

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I DON'T WANT A SEED LIKE THIS!!
EVEN THOUGH THIS SEED SAVED MY LIFE...
IF YOU DON'T WANT IT, GIVE IT BACK.
YOU DON'T EVEN UNDER-STAND WHAT IT MEANS TO LOSE A LIFE.
RIKKA!!
DON'T BE SO SPOILED!
YOU DON'T WANT IT?

IF YOU DON'T WANT IT, GIVE IT BACK.
I CANNOT KEEP LIVING WITHOUT THAT SEED EITHER.
YOU CAN'T LIVE EITHER ...?
YES.
BECAUSE I AM THE SAME AS YOU
HUH?
LONG AGO,
I ALSO ALMOST DROWNED UNDER WATER

ALMOST DROWNED UNDER-WATER!?
IZUMI MADE ME SWALLOW THE SEED AND
HE SAVED ME
THAT SEED... WHAT IS IT!?
THAT SEED
A LIFE PRO-LONGING SEED
IT PRO-LONGS A LIFE THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN LOST BY JUST 49 YEARS

DEEP IN THE FOREST
WHERE NO MAN HAS EVER SET FOOT,
A LAKE APPEARS ONCE EVERY FORTY NINE YEARS.
USUALLY, THE VALLEY IS COVERED WITH HEAVY SNOW.
BUT EVERY FORTY-NINTH WINTER, IT TRANSFORMS INTO A TRANSPARENT LAKE.
THERE, FLOWERS BLOOM EVERYWHERE ON THE SURFACE. AND WHEN THE FIRST FLOWER BEARS A SEED, THE LAKE DISAPPEARS
A PERSON WHO SWALLOWS THIS SEED WILL LENGTHEN THE LIFE UNTIL THE NEXT SEED IS BORN

UP UNTIL NOW, I HAD ALWAYS TAKEN THAT SEED,
BUT IZUMI GAVE YOU THIS YEAR'S SEED.
THAT WAY, MY LIFE WILL END!!
ALWAYS TAKEN..
ALWAYS .. BUT HOW OLD ARE YOU!?

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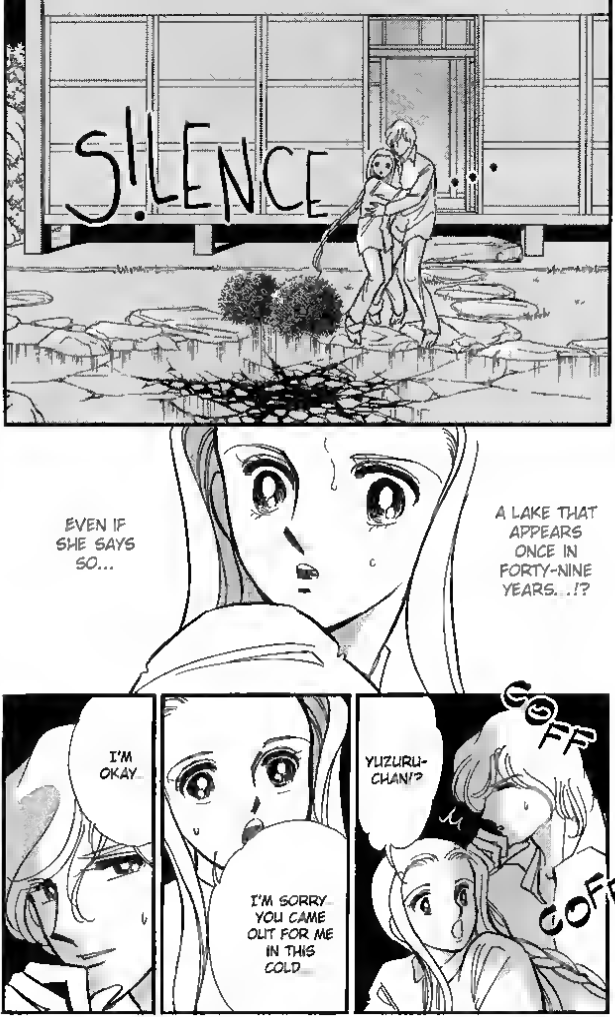
SILENCE
EVEN IF SHE SAYS SO...
A LAKE THAT APPEARS ONCE IN FORTY-NINE YEARS...!?
I'M OKAY
I'M SORRY YOU CAME OUT FOR ME IN THIS COLD
YUZURU-CHAN!?
COFF
COFF

YOU'RE NOT OKAY!!
WEARING SUCH FLIMSY CLOTHING, YOUR FEVER..
SEE! IT IS HOT.
LET'S GO TO THE HOSPITAL TOGETHER FIRST THING TOMORROW MORNING!!
NO, RIKKA, STAY AT HOME.
YUZURU-CHAN!
I'LL BE FINE, I'LL GO THE HOSPITAL ALONE
RIKKA, DON'T GO OUT.
AND YOU SHOULD SKIP SCHOOL FOR A WHILE TOO.
YUZURU-CHAN
YOU MUST NOT APPROACH WATER ALONE
PROMISE ME

CHUUO
GENERAL HOSPITAL
MEDICA
INTERNAL MEDICINE
PHYSICAL THERAPY
OUTPATIENTS
Name
CRUSH
Intern
Medicine

YO!
YOU ..!?
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
NO .. IT'S NOT THAT I LIKE MEETING GUYS...
WHAT ...!?

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SLUMP
PIP
PIP
PIP
RIKKA
090XXXXXXX

BZZ
BZZ
IT'S FROM YUZURU-CHAN!
Click
YUZURU-CHAN, WERE YOU OKAY!?
THE FEVER
!!
YOU..
IS IT SO STRANGE THAT I CAN USE THE CELLPHONE?
FURTHER-MORE THIS MAY BE A STEREO-TYPICAL APPROACH, BUT
I AM KEEPING THE OWNER OF THIS PHONE HOSTAGE.
IF YOU WANT HIM TO RETURN SAFELY, COME OUTSIDE.

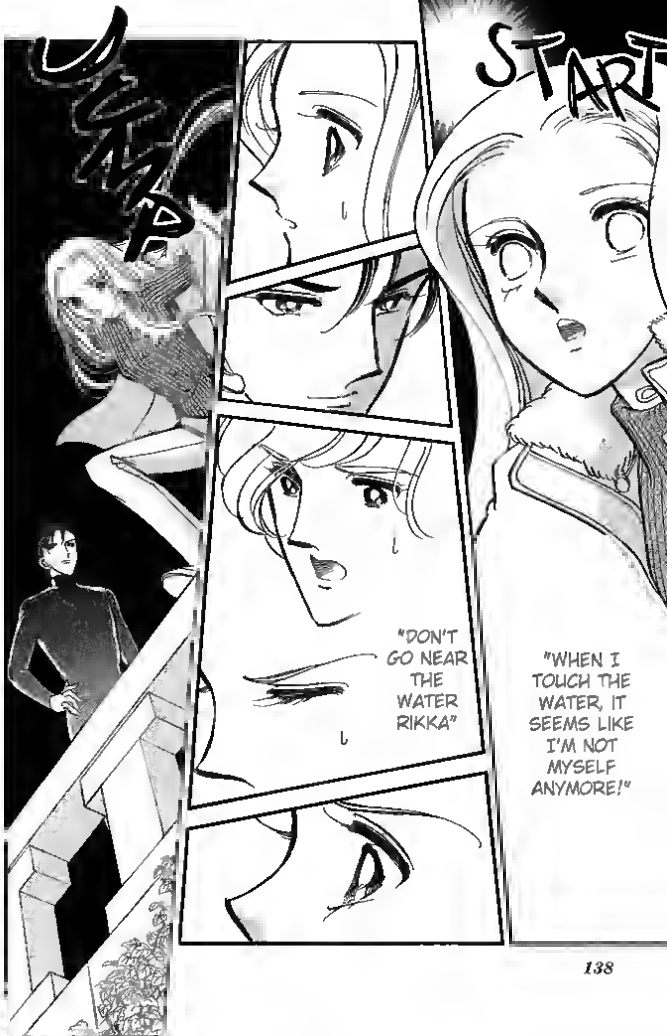
WHAT DID YOU DO TO YUZURU-CHAN!?
HOSTAGE ...YUZURU-CHAN!?
HE IS ONLY SLEEPING, FOR NOW.
TONIGHT AT 3 A.M... COME OUT TO THE GREAT BRIDGE OVER OTONASHI-RIVER.
IF YOU DON'T COME, THEN I WON'T GUARANTEE ANYTHING
SO THAT'S THE STORY, SEE YOU...
CLICK
SO THAT'S THE STORY ...
BUT WAIT...!
Beep...
Beep...
Beep...
OTONASHI-RIVER AT 3AM ——!?

YUZURU-CHAN!
BUT...
"DON'T GO NEAR THE WATER ALONE..."
THE RIVER...
THAT GUY IS TRYING TO LURE ME NEAR THE WATER.

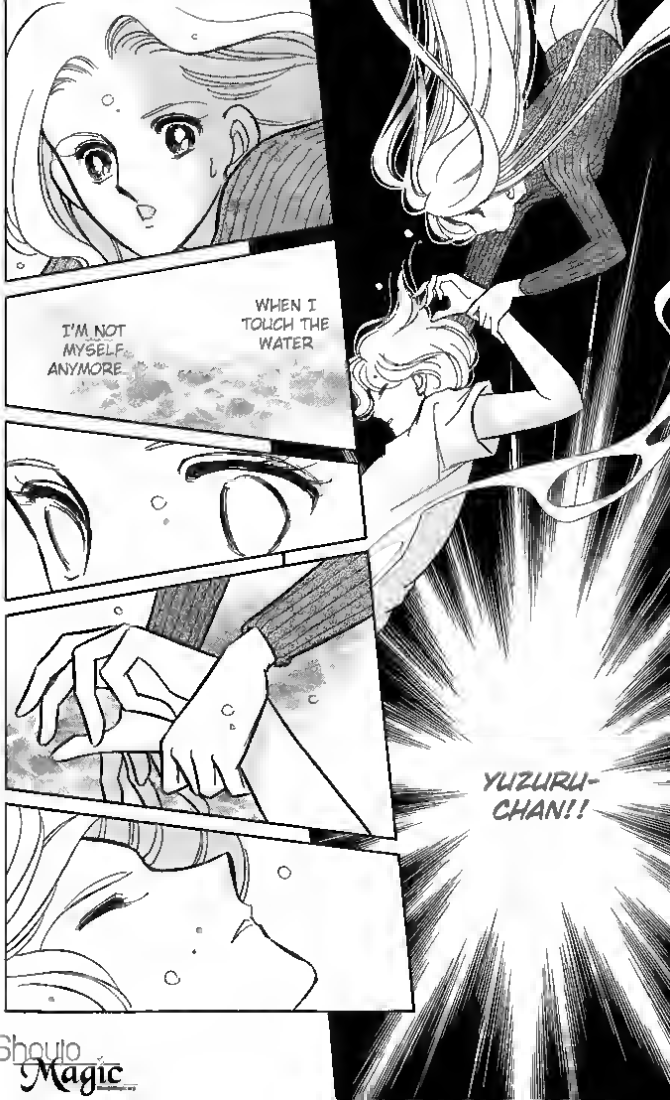
I'VE COME! NOW RETURN YUZURU-CHAN!
GULP

YOU'RE RIGHT ON TIME
I'VE BEEN WAITING, RIKKA
!!
YUZURU-CHAN!!
YUZURU-CHAN IS NOT VERY STRONG ...
GIVE HIM BACK!! RETURN HIM TO HIS HOUSE NOW!!

RUSH
THEN
SMILE
YOU TAKE HIM HOME YOUR-SELF
IF YOU CAN
Heh
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
DROPPING HIM INTO A WINTER RIVER...


START
JUMP
"WHEN I TOUCH THE WATER, IT SEEMS LIKE I'M NOT MYSELF ANYMORE!"
"DON'T GO NEAR THE WATER RIKKA"

YUZURU-CHAN!!



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I am...
not myself anymore ——...

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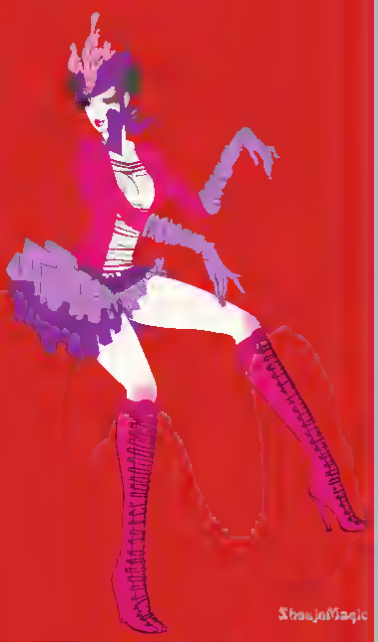

Experience is not what happens to a man; it is what a man does with what happens to him.

-Aldous Huxley

MIZU NI SUMU HANA

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The uncertainties on land are so unreal...
Underwater I can forget. Everything on land fades away.
I can't believe that I was so afraid of water.

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I HAVE CHOSEN YOU TO LIVE WITH ME UNDER-WATER
SO COME WITH ME.
YOU CHOSE ME?

YES.
YOU'LL FORGET EVERY-THING ON LAND.
IF YOU ASSIMI-LATE WITH WATER.
LET ME SHOW YOU SOME FUN.

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OH!!
SHOCK
I DON'T DISLIKE THIS.
I HADN'T THOUGHT OF ANYONE, BUT
BESIDES YUZURU-CHAN

BUBBLE
YUZURU-CHAN...
HIS HANDS ARE...
WARM...

HMM...
HE WAS STILL CONSCIOUS...
GRAB
STOP!!
DON'T TOUCH YUZURU-CHAN!!

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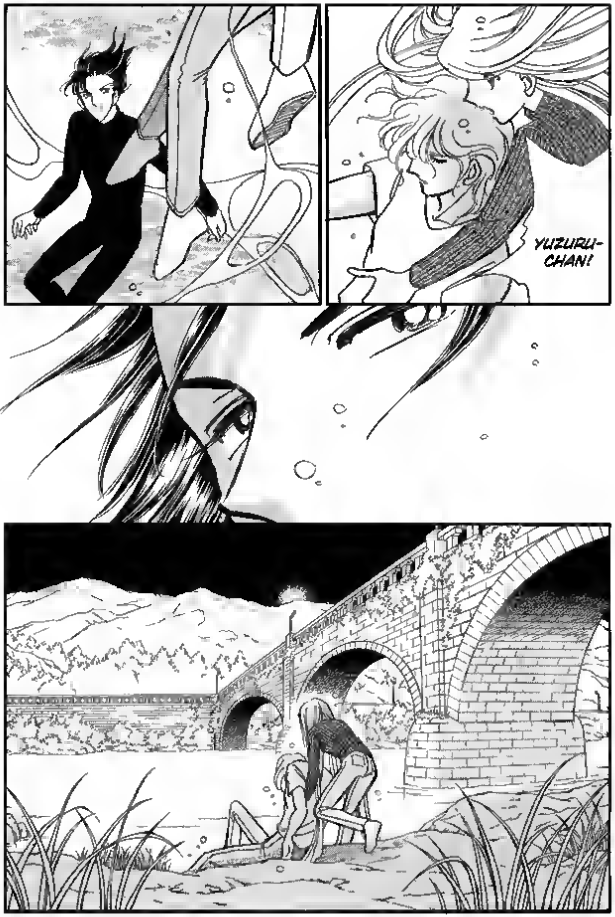
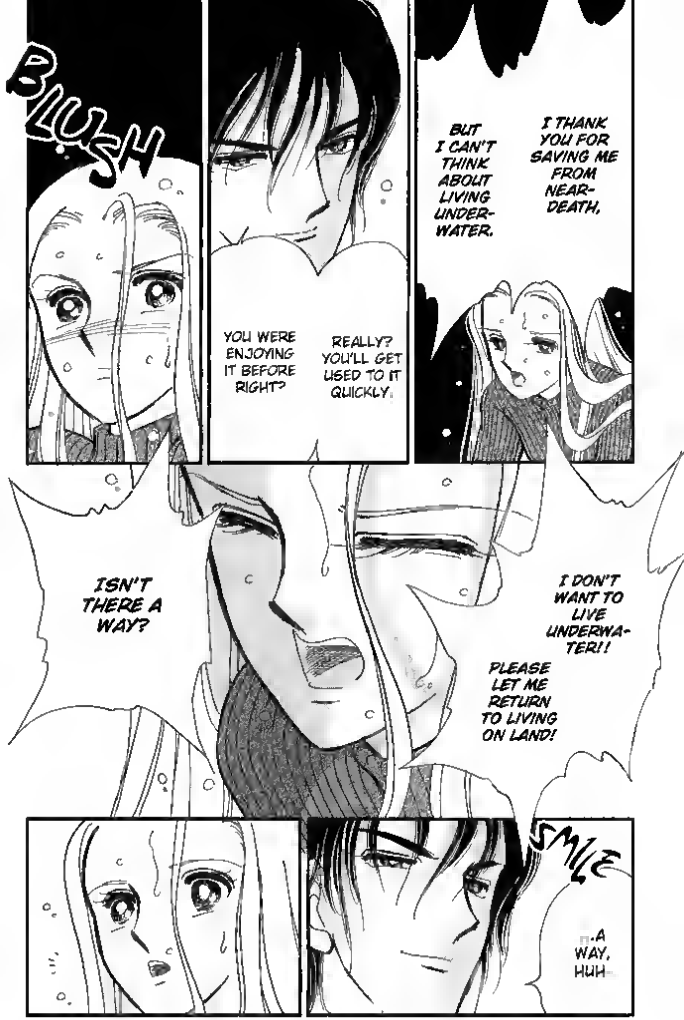


YUZURU-CHAN, WAKE UP.
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU WILL HAVE TO WAIT A LITTLE LONGER TILL YOU CAN COMPLETELY LIVE UNDER WATER.
PUSH
WELL WE HAVE A LOT OF TIME, SO
YOU CAN SLOWLY ASSIMILATE WITH WATER.
WHEN THE SEED YOU HAVE SWALLOWED DISSOLVES AND ASSIMILATES WITH WATER, THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE UNDERWATER.
I HAVE NO INTENTION TO LIVE UNDERWATER!


BLUSH
I THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME FROM NEAR-DEATH,
BUT I CAN'T THINK ABOUT LIVING UNDER-WATER.
REALLY? YOU'LL GET USED TO IT QUICKLY.
YOU WERE ENJOYING IT BEFORE RIGHT?
I DON'T WANT TO LIVE UNDERWA-TER!!
PLEASE LET ME RETURN TO LIVING ON LAND!
ISN'T THERE A WAY?
SMILE
...A WAY, HUH

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IT IS IMPOS-SIBLE FOR YOU.
THERE IS A WAY!?
...THERE IS ONE WAY.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, FOR ME...
!!

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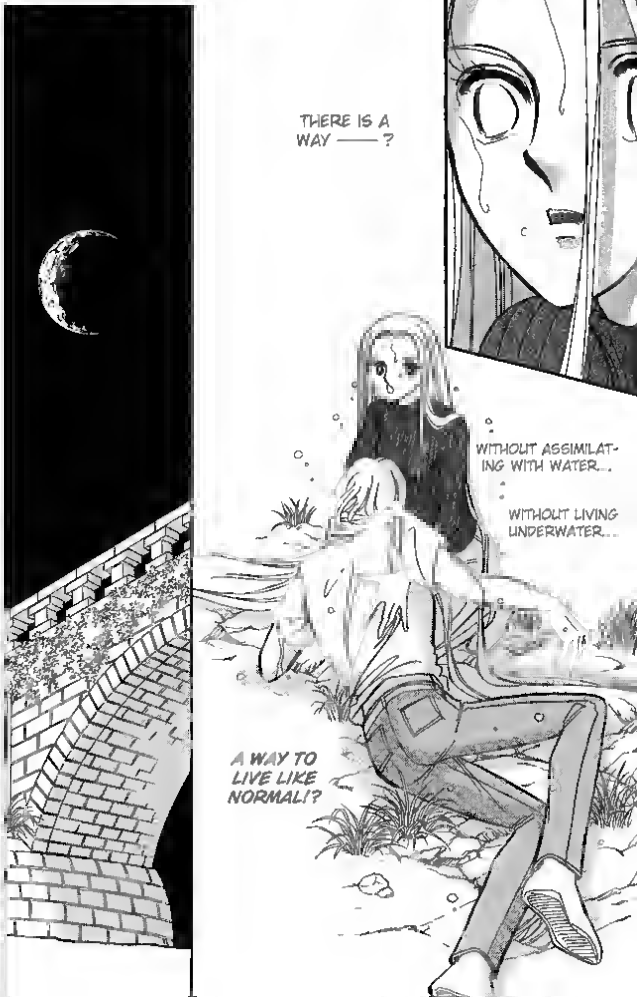
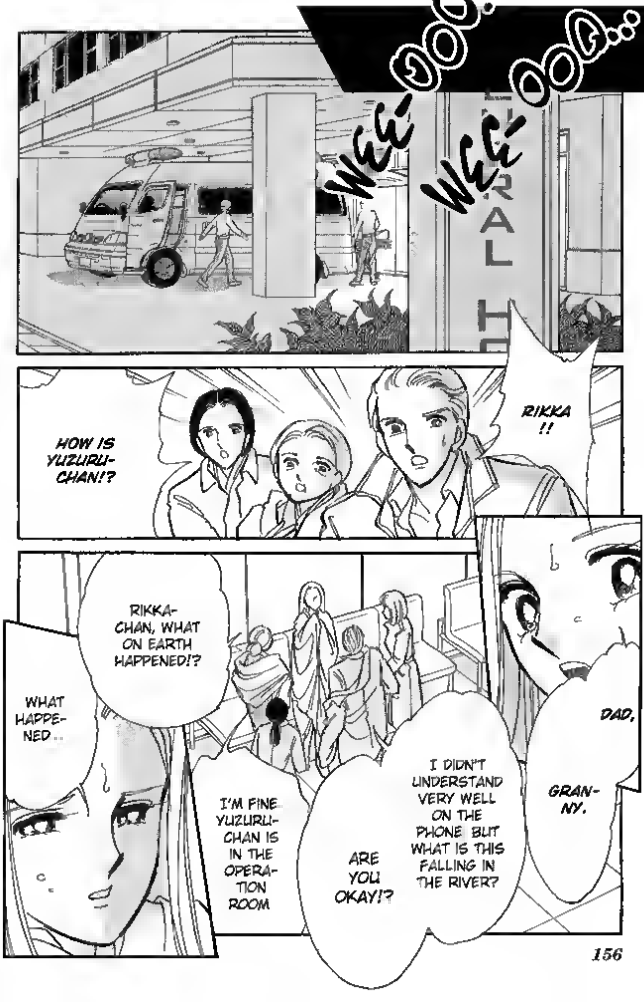
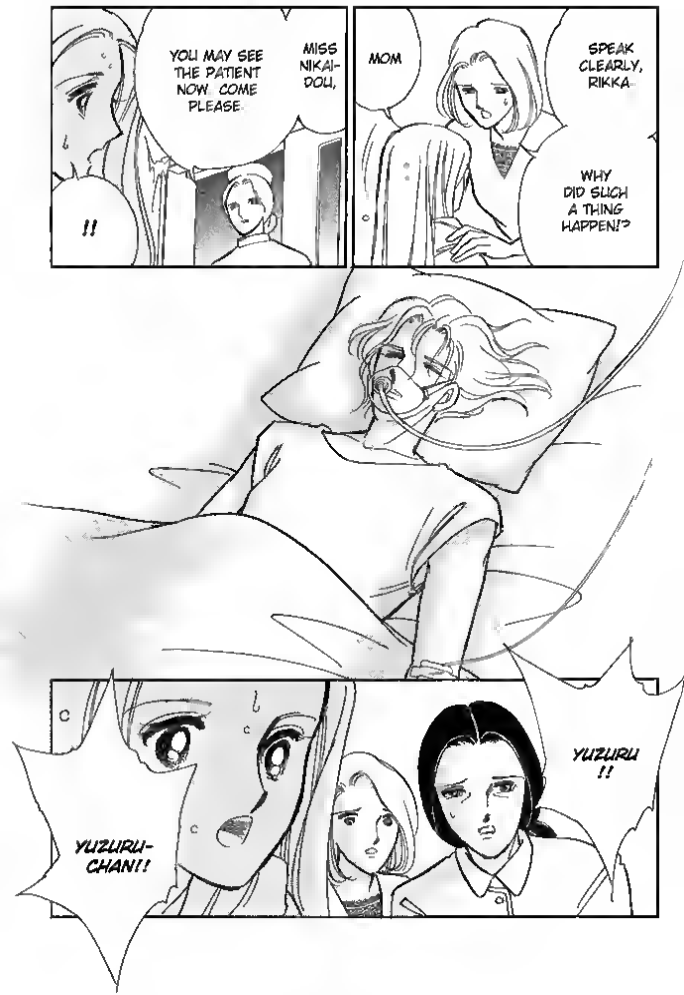

THERE IS A WAY ——?
WITHOUT ASSIMILATING WITH WATER...
WITHOUT LIVING UNDERWATER...
A WAY TO LIVE LIKE NORMAL!?


WEE OOO..
WEE OOO..
RIKKA !!
HOW IS YUZURU-CHAN!?
DAD, GRAN-NY.
I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND VERY WELL ON THE PHONE. BUT WHAT IS THIS FALLING IN THE RIVER?
ARE YOU OKAY!?
I'M FINE. YUZURU-CHAN IS IN THE OPERA-TION ROOM
RIKKA-CHAN, WHAT ON EARTH HAPPENED!?
WHAT HAPPE-NED..


MISS NIKAIDOU,
YOU MAY SEE THE PATIENT NOW. COME PLEASE.
!!
MOM
SPEAK CLEARLY, RIKKA.
WHY DID SUCH A THING HAPPEN!?
YUZURU!!
YUZURU-CHAN!!

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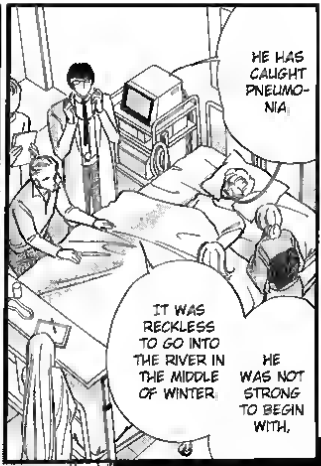
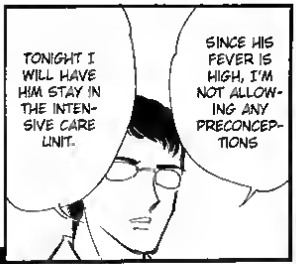
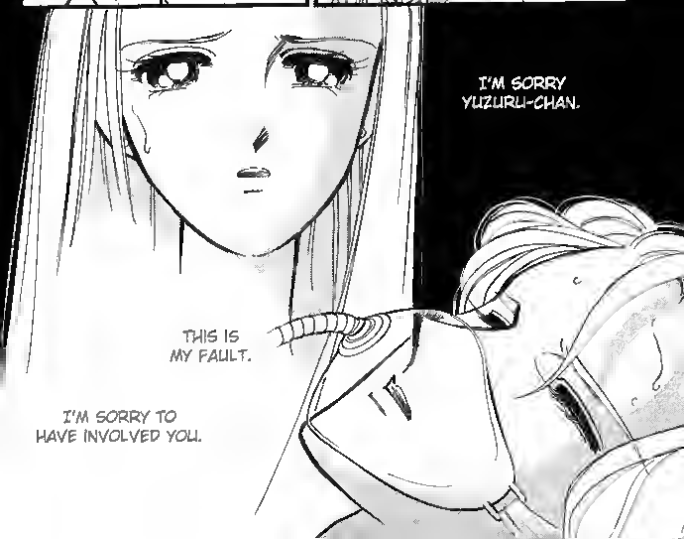
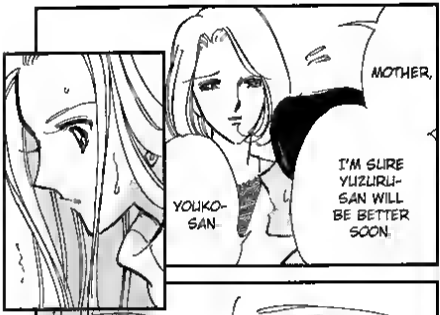
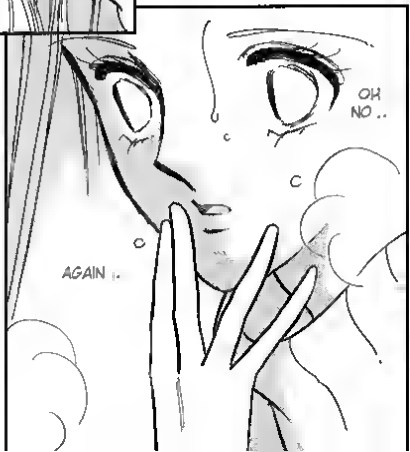






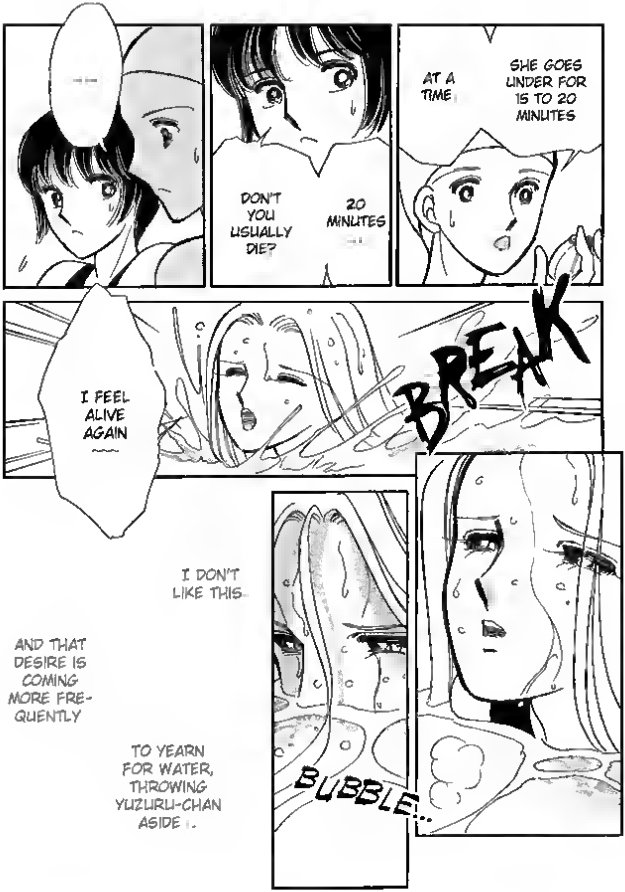
I'M FINE. IT'S YOU WHO HAS TO LEAVE FOR WORK.
MOTHER,
WHY DON'T YOU GO HOME AND REST A WHILE?
NO, I'LL TAKE THE DAY OFF.


MOTHER,
I'M SURE YUZURU-SAN WILL BE BETTER SOON.
YOUKO-SAN


OH NO..
AGAIN..

GRIP
IT HURTS——!!
I CAN'T BREATHE.
WATER——!!
RIKKA?
MUST GO TO MORNING PRACTICE
THE SWIM TEAM.
CLUNK
RIKKA!
WHEN YUZURU-SAN'S LIKE THIS
WHO CARES ABOUT MORNING PRACTICE!!

STARE
WHAT HAPPENED!? RIKKA HAS BEEN UNDERWATER EVER SINCE SHE GOT HERE
...YOU'RE RIGHT...
SHE DOESN'T EVEN TAKE A BREATH



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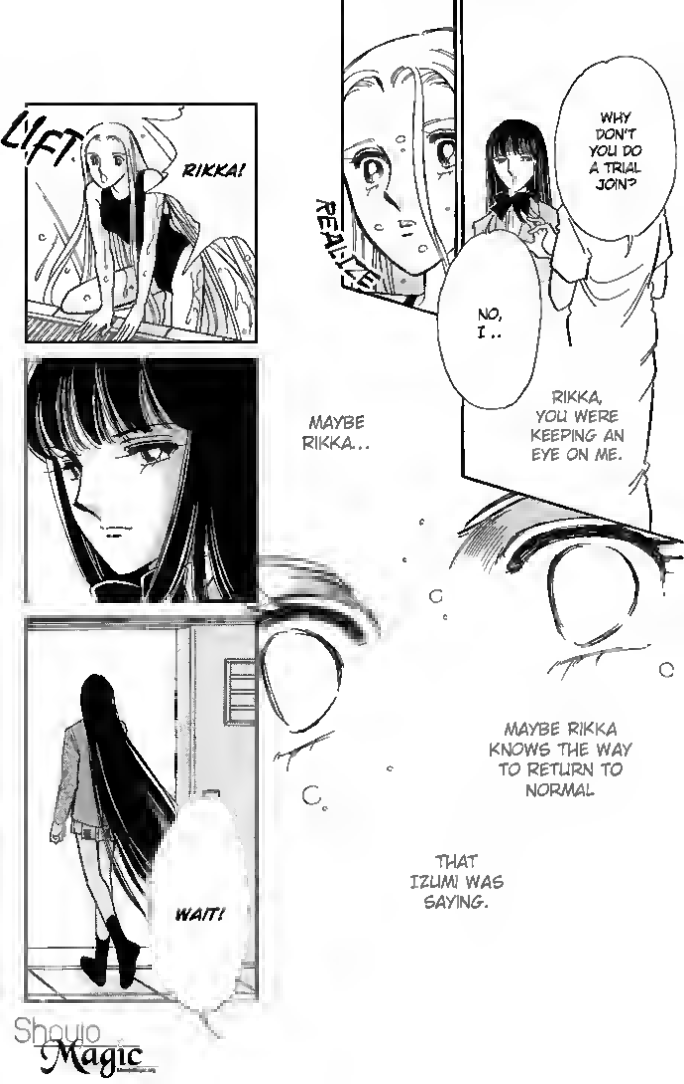
?
N... NO.
YOU GUYS AREN'T SWIM-MING?
WE'RE DONE FOR TODAY
SPLASH
RIKKA!?
SENRYO SWIMMING CLUB
OH MIZUCHI-SAN, CAME HERE TO WATCH?
DO YOU FEEL LIKE JOINING AFTER ALL?



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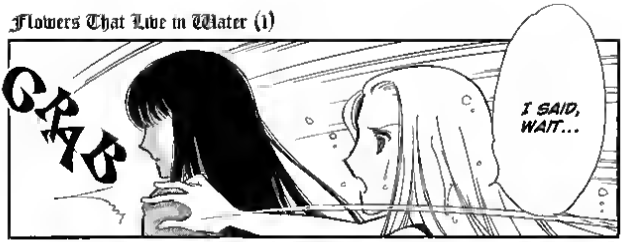
GRAB
I SAID, WAIT...

!?
I HAVE NOTHING TO .
I HAVE SOME-THING I WANT TO ASK
LET GO

MIZUCHI-SAN!?
SENRYU
RIKKA!?
WHAT HAPPENED !?
RIKKA!
IT'S NOTHING, LEAVE ME ALONE.

I GUESS IT'S TRUE THAT SHE IS WEAK
I'VE SAID THINGS I SHOULDN'T HAVE.
LIKE, WANT TO JOIN?..
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
WHISPER
YOU'RE NOT FEELING WELL? YOU'RE ALL PALE.
RIKKA.

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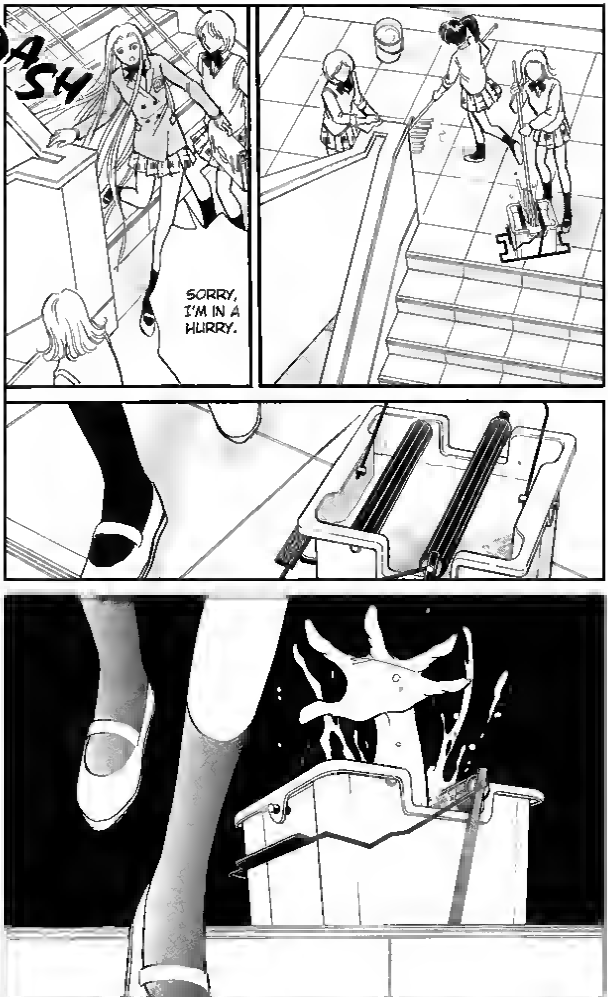
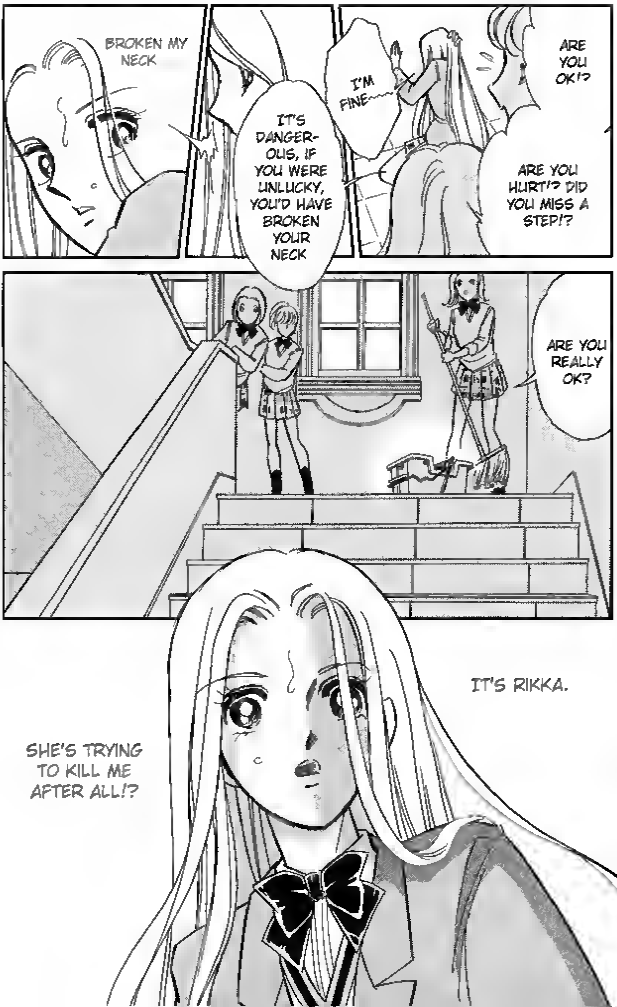
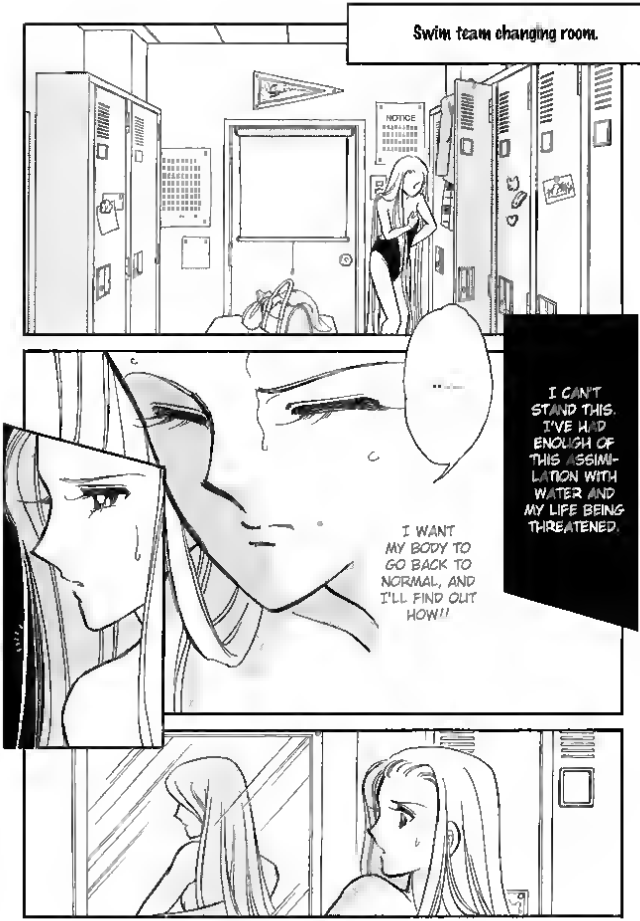
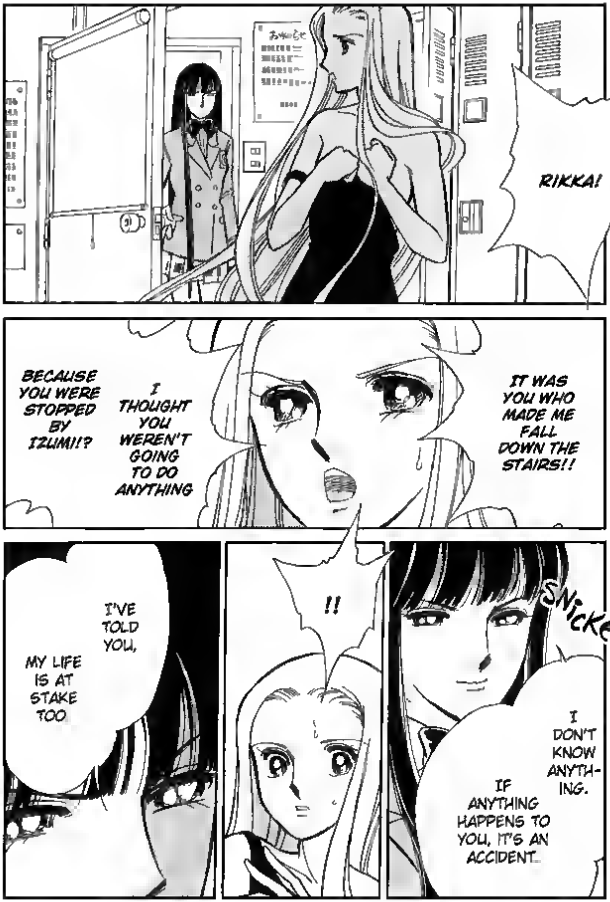

DASH
SORRY, I'M IN A HURRY.

GRAB
TUMBLE
TUMBLE
AAAH
!!


BROKEN MY NECK
I'M FINE~~~
ARE YOU OK!?
IT'S DANGER-OUS, IF YOU WERE UNLUCKY, YOU'D HAVE BROKEN YOUR NECK
ARE YOU HURT!? DID YOU MISS A STEP!?
ARE YOU REALLY OK?
IT'S RIKKA.
SHE'S TRYING TO KILL ME AFTER ALL!?


Swim team changing room.
NOTICE
I CAN'T STAND THIS. I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS ASSIMILATION WITH WATER AND MY LIFE BEING THREATENED.
I WANT MY BODY TO GO BACK TO NORMAL, AND I'LL FIND OUT HOW!!

JUST AS I THOUGHT, THERE'S MORE...
IT SEEMS LIKE THEY INCREASE THE MORE I ASSIMILATE WITH WATER.
YOU'RE RIGHT
2 ½ IS PROBABLY 40% ASSIMILATED WITH WATER.


RIKKA!
IT WAS YOU WHO MADE ME FALL DOWN THE STAIRS!!
I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T GOING TO DO ANYTHING
BECAUSE YOU WERE STOPPED BY IZUMI!?
!!
SNICKER
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING.
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO YOU, IT'S AN ACCIDENT.
I'VE TOLD YOU,
MY LIFE IS AT STAKE TOO

THERE ARE SEVEN MARKS IN TOTAL
SEVEN...
WHEN ALL SEVEN MARKS HAVE APPEARED ON YOUR BODY,
THAT IS WHEN THE SWALLOWED GOLDEN SEED ASSIMILATES WITH YOUR BODY
YOU WILL HAVE COMPLETED YOUR ASSIMILATION WITH WATER, AND LIVE UNDERWATER.
...LOOK.
!!

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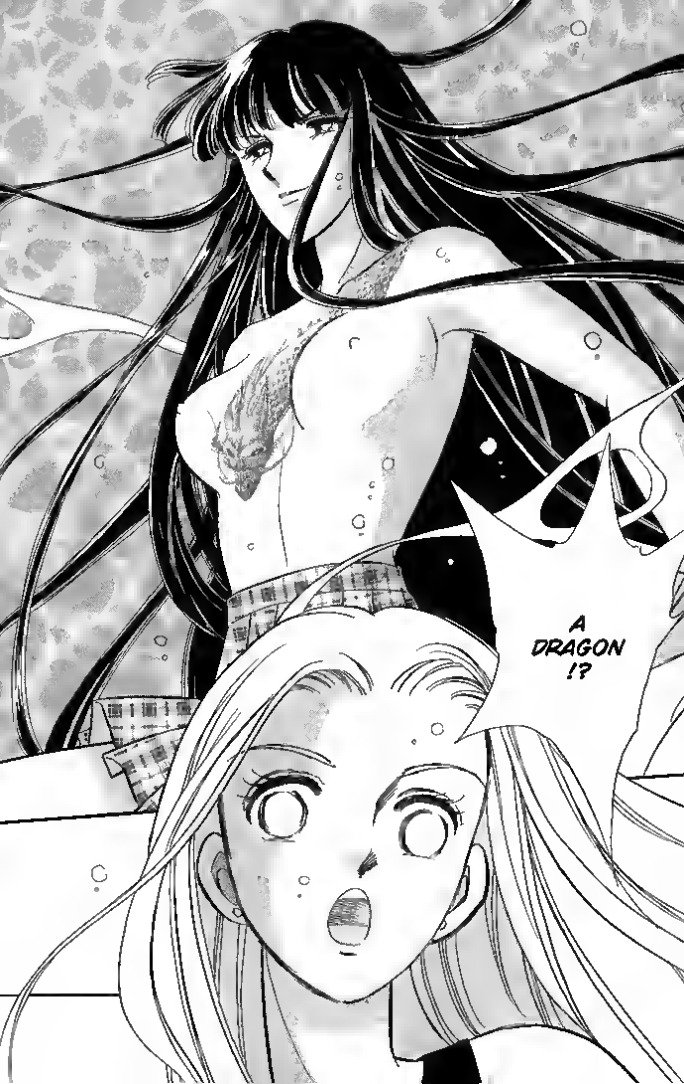
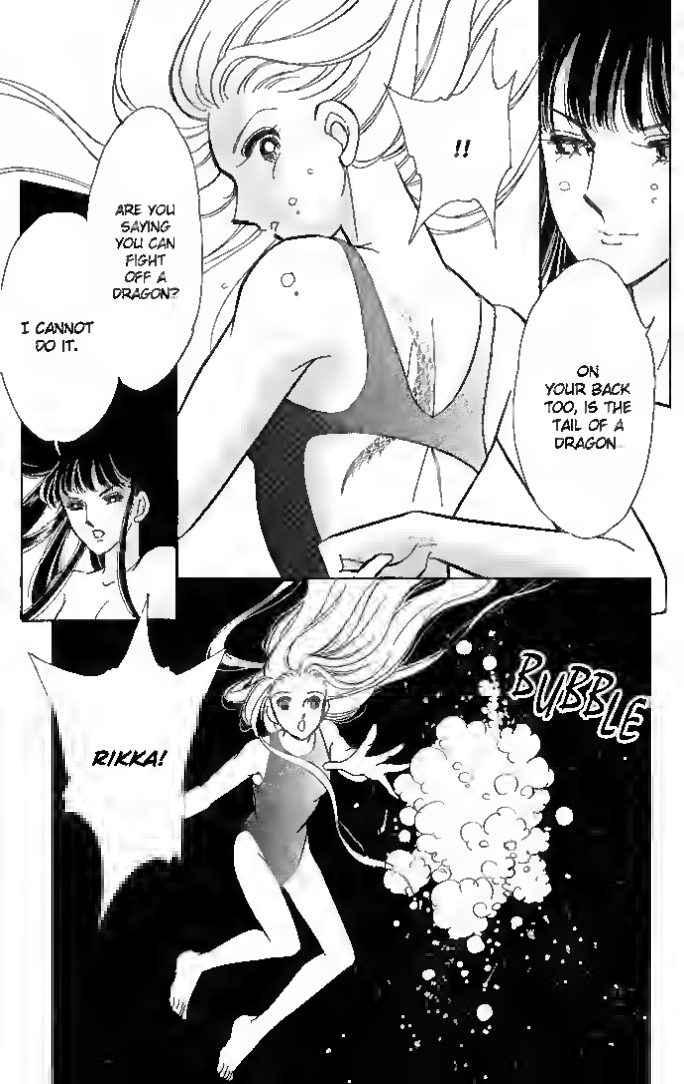
THE SAME MARKS!?
UNTIL RECENTLY, THIS BODY HAD SEVEN MARKS.
THE AMOUNT OF MARKS ON YOUR BODY
HAVE DISAP-PEARED FROM MINE...
2 ½ HAVE DISAPPEARED.

WHEN ALL SEVEN MARKS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED,
YOU WILL HAVE COMPLETED YOUR ASSIMILATION WITH WATER, AND LIVE UNDERWATER.
AND WHEN THE MARKS HAVE DISAPPEARED,
MY LIFE WILL END.
I NEVER WISHED FOR THIS!
IF THERE IS A WAY TO STOP, TELL ME!!
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU.
IT'S USELESS TO KNOW
IZUMI SAID THE SAME THING.
BUT NO ONE KNOWS UNTIL IT HAS BEEN TRIED, PLEASE TELL ME!!

RIKKA, HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THIS MARK UNDERWATER?
HUH?
COME.
SPLASH
COME IN.
YOU WANTED TO GET IN SO BADLY

SPLASH!
HOW IS IT?
THIS IS THE MARK YOU WILL EVENTU-ALLY HAVE.
!!


A DRAGON !?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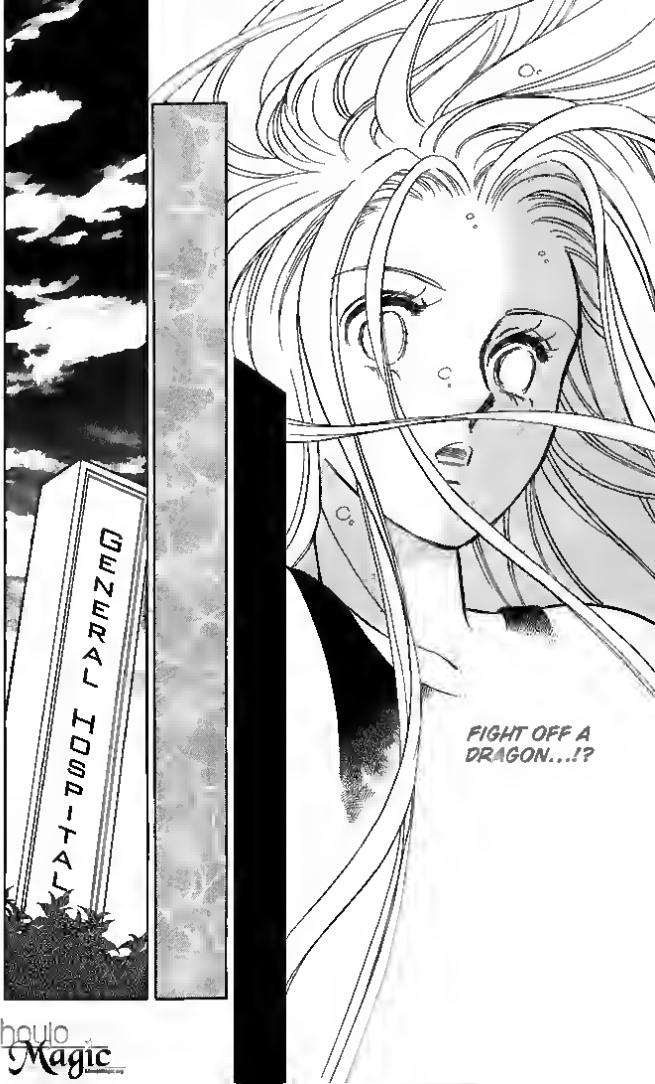
ON YOUR BACK TOO, IS THE TAIL OF A DRAGON
ARE YOU SAYING YOU CAN FIGHT OFF A DRAGON?
I CANNOT DO IT.
BUBBLE
RIKKA!



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YUZURU.
YUZURU!
YUZURU, HAVE YOU COME TO!?
WHAT!?
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SAY!?
—KA
—RIKKA
...D.

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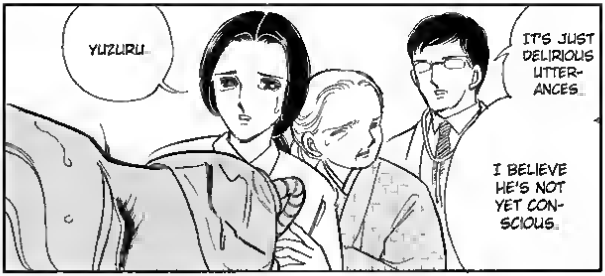
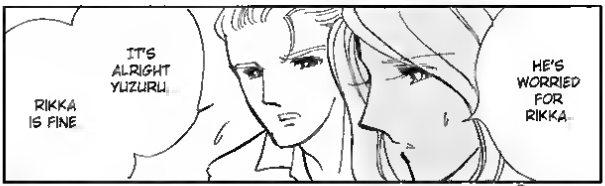
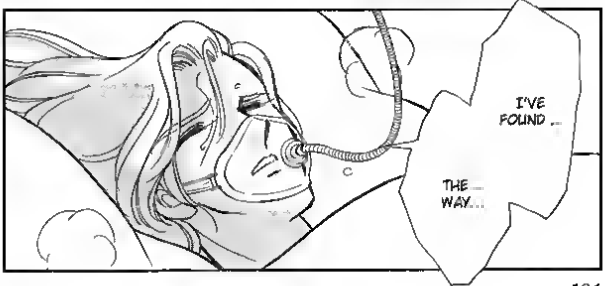
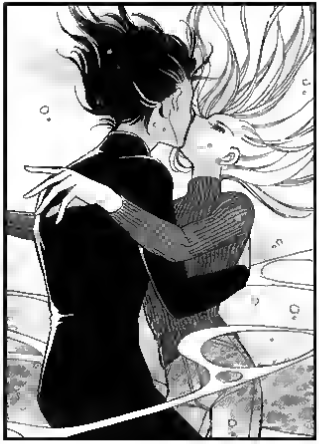






RIKKA...
I'VE FOUND
THE WAY... TO NOT ASSIMILATE WITH WATER... I'VE FOUND IT.
YUZURU ..?



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